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1 [There is no reportable action as a result of the
2 Board of Supervisors' closed session held today.]

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD MORNING. WE WELCOME YOU TO
7 THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON THIS DAY, THE 15TH
8 OF JANUARY. OUR SERGEANT AT ARMS IS IN PLACE. OUR EXECUTIVE
9 OFFICER IS IN PLACE. THE COUNTY COUNSEL IS IN PLACE. THE
10 C.E.O. IS IN PLACE. THREE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ARE HERE. FOUR
11 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ARE HERE, THEREBY CONSTITUTING A QUORUM.
12 WE TAKE NOTE OF THE FACT THAT THIS WOULD BE THE 84TH BIRTHDAY
13 OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. TODAY, BORN JANUARY THE --
14 [APPLAUSE.] WE HAVE AS THE MORNING'S INVOCATOR, THE REVEREND
15 WILLIAM TURNER, JR., INVITED BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL ANTONOVICH,
16 FROM THE FIFTH DISTRICT. OUR PLEDGE VETERAN IS CHERYL SHAFFER,
17 WHO IS INVITED TODAY BY THE SUPERVISOR FROM THE FOURTH
18 DISTRICT, DON KNABE. WOULD YOU PLEASE RISE FOR THE MORNING'S
19 INVOCATION?

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21 **PASTOR WILLIAM TURNER, JR.:** I WILL BLESS THE LORD AT ALL
22 TIMES. HIS PRAISE SHALL CONTINUE AND LET IT BE IN MY MOUTH. TO
23 OUR SUPERVISOR, MARK RIDLEY, THE CHAIRMAN, AND TO ALL OF THE
24 SUPERVISORS AND THEIR STAFF AND TO ALL OF US WHO ARE HERE
25 TODAY, WE PRAY NOW FOR YOUR WILL TO BE DONE IN THE HEARTS AND



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1 MINDS OF THESE COUNTY LEADERS. WE THANK YOU FOR HAVING BROUGHT
2 US THROUGH 2012. AND NOW WE ARE IN 2013. WE ASK FOR YOUR GRACE
3 AND YOUR MERCY FOR THE GREAT NEEDS OF THIS STATE AND OF THIS
4 COUNTRY, WE PRAY. WE PRAY FOR THE HOMELESS AND THE HUNGERED
5 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY AND THE STATE, SOME 630,000 HOMELESS
6 PEOPLE. WE NEED YOUR GUIDANCE, WE NEED YOUR MERCY. AND WE PRAY
7 NOW FOR THE NEEDS OF HOMELESSNESS AND JOBLESSNESS, THAT THE
8 COUNTY HAS AN OBLIGATION TO FULFILL. BUT WITHOUT COOPERATION
9 AND PROVISIONS, THEY ARE HELPLESS. SO WE PRAY THAT THE MEANS
10 WILL BE MADE AND THAT EVERYONE WILL ENJOY THE FREEDOM OF
11 AMERICA'S LIFESTYLE. WE ASK NOW FOR YOUR GUIDANCE AND YOUR
12 MERCY UPON THOSE WHO WORK BEHIND THE SCENES, THE STAFF PEOPLE
13 WHO CARRY OUT DAY-TO-DAY RESPONSIBILITIES. SO IN THIS, WE
14 PLACE OUR LIVES AND OUR FUTURE IN YOUR HAND, OUR GOD, AMEN.

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16 **CHERYL SHAFFER:** PLEASE FACE THE FLAG AND PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND
17 OVER YOUR HEART AND JOIN US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

18 [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR
21 ANTONOVICH.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN, ONCE AGAIN IT'S A PLEASURE TO
24 WELCOME DR. WILLIAM TURNER TO OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO LEAD
25 US IN THE PRAYER, THE OPENING PRAYER. DR. TURNER IS A GREAT



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1 LEADER IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND IN OUR STATE AND NATION, AND
2 A PERSONAL FRIEND. HE WAS BORN IN TIMON, LOUISIANA AND MOVED
3 TO PASADENA BACK IN 1962, WHERE HE ESTABLISHED HIS CHURCH, THE
4 NEW REVELATION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH. HE'S ALSO THE
5 FOUNDER AND C.E.O. OF THE COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER OF
6 PASADENA. THIS IS A VERY VIBRANT ORGANIZATION. HE ESTABLISHED
7 IT, ESTABLISHING HOMELESS SHELTERS, DRUG REHABILITATION
8 CENTERS, AND VARIOUS MINISTRIES, AND GANG PREVENTION,
9 ILLITERACY AND MENTAL HEALTH. THEY HAVE GROWN TO 120
10 EMPLOYEES, SERVING OVER 200 YOUTH THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND
11 ALTADENA, THE UNINCORPORATED PARTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO
12 DR. TURNER, PASTOR TURNER, IT'S A PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU ONCE
13 AGAIN, AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. [APPLAUSE.] ALSO DR.
14 SANDRA THOMAS, PRESIDENT EMERITUS OF THE ALTADENA N.A.A.C.P.,
15 WHERE I AM A LIFE MEMBER, AND ARE QUITE INVOLVED IN THE COUNTY
16 WITH THE PROGRAM BRIGHT SCHOLARS WHICH HAS DONE AN INCREDIBLE
17 JOB IN HELPING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE MOVE ON TO HIGHER EDUCATIONAL
18 OPPORTUNITIES. [APPLAUSE.]

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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22 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.
23 IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO
24 CHERYL SHAFFER WHO LIVES IN SAN PEDRO BUT SHE IS ALSO THE
25 CHAIR OF THE CITY OF CARSON'S VETERANS COMMISSION. SHE SERVED



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1 IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM 1984 TO 2006 AS A MASTER
2 SERGEANT WITH THE 705TH M.P. BATTALION. SHE HAS RECEIVED THE
3 ARMY ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL, THE ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL, GOOD
4 CONDUCT MEDAL, NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL, GLOBAL WAR ON
5 TERRORISM SERVICE MEDAL, AND IRAQ CAMPAIGN MEDAL. WHILE IN THE
6 MILITARY, THIS SWEET, WONDERFUL YOUNG LADY WAS A DRILL
7 SERGEANT AND ALSO INSTRUCTED 12-PERSON SQUADS IN TRAINING
8 INSTRUCTOR COURSE. SHE WAS ALSO HANDPICKED TO TRAIN CIVILIAN
9 OFFICERS TO BE DRILL SERGEANTS, SET THE STANDARDS OF ROLE
10 MODEL FOR MILITARY AND CIVILIAN INSTRUCTORS. SHE RECEIVED THE
11 CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FROM THE NEW JERSEY NATIONAL GUARD
12 CHALLENGE YOUTH PROGRAM FOR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE. SHE IS
13 CURRENTLY A PROFESSOR OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE AT L.A. SOUTHWEST
14 COLLEGE AND SHE HAS LIVED IN OUR DISTRICT FOR OVER THREE
15 YEARS. SO ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD, WE WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR
16 TAKING THE TIME TO COME DOWN AND LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE, OF
17 YOUR VERY VALUABLE PERSONAL TIME. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE
18 TO OUR COUNTRY. AND I'M PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE, AS WELL, THAT
19 SHE'S ACCEPTED MY INVITATION TO SERVE AS MY VETERANS
20 COMMISSIONER. [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISORS
23 ANTONOVICH AND KNABE. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, LET'S PROCEED
24 WITH THE CALLING OF THE AGENDA.

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN,
2 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 2,
3 PRESENTATION ON SET MATTERS. ON ITEM S-1, AS INDICATED ON THE
4 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT
5 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JANUARY 22, 2013, AS A SET
6 ITEM AT 1:30 P.M. ON THIS ITEM, THERE IS ALSO A REQUEST FROM A
7 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON ITEM S-2, AS INDICATED ON
8 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS
9 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JANUARY 29, 2013, AS
10 A SET ITEM AT 1 P.M. ALSO ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM
11 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. ON PAGE 4, AGENDA FOR THE
12 MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. ON ITEM NO.
13 1-D, AGAIN AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE
14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
15 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JANUARY 22,
16 2013.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH MOVES.
19 SUPERVISOR KNABE SECONDS. IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, THAT WILL
20 BE THE ORDER.

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22 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 5, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
23 ITEMS 1 THROUGH 12. ON ITEM NO. 2, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
24 AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ABSTAIN FROM THE VOTE ON THIS
25 MATTER. ON ITEM NO. 3, SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND SUPERVISOR KNABE



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1 AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
2 ITEM NO. 7, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO
3 HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 9, ITEM NO. 9 AND 10, THERE'S ALSO
4 A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE ITEMS. ON
5 ITEM NO. 12, THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE
6 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD
7 OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR MOLINA
10 MOVES AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY SECONDS. IF THERE'S NO
11 OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. PLEASE PROCEED.

12

13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 13, CONSENT CALENDAR,
14 ITEMS 13 THROUGH 36, ON ITEM NO. 13, AS INDICATED ON THE
15 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT
16 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JANUARY 29, 2013.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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20 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. ON ITEM NO. 15 AND 17,
21 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
22 ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 19, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM MEMBERS OF THE
23 PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 21, AS INDICATED ON THE
24 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS
25 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JANUARY 29, 2013. ON



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1 ITEM NO. 27, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO
2 HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 28, 29 AND 30, THERE'S ALSO A
3 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE ITEMS. ON
4 ITEM NO. 31, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE
5 DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
6 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JANUARY 22, 2013. AND ON THIS ITEM,
7 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD IT. 31.
8 ON ITEM NO. 32, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE
9 DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
10 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JANUARY 29, 2013. AGAIN ON THIS ITEM,
11 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THE
12 ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 33, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA,
13 COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS
14 TO JANUARY 29, 2013. AGAIN, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF
15 THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NO. 34, AS INDICATED ON
16 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES
17 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JANUARY 29,
18 2013. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE
19 BEFORE YOU.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR
22 KNABE MOVES. SUPERVISOR MOLINA SECONDS. IF THERE ARE NO
23 OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER.

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 23, SEPARATE MATTER, ITEM
2 NO. 37, AND I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS
3 IS A RECOMMENDATION BY THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR TO
4 ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE
5 WILLIAM S. HART UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION
6 BONDS, 2008 ELECTION, SERIES C, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL
7 AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$172 MILLION. THAT ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR
10 YAROSLAVSKY MOVES. AND SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. THAT WILL
11 BE THE ORDER.

12

13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON PAGE 24, DISCUSSION ITEMS,
14 ITEMS 38 THROUGH 40. ON ITEM NO. 38, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A
15 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE ITEMS. ACTUALLY WE WILL
16 HOLD ITEM NO. 38 AND 39 FOR A DISCUSSION. ON ITEM NO. 40,
17 PLEASE NOTE AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE
18 PUBLIC HEARING ITEM WILL BE TAKEN UP AT A SET ITEM AT 11
19 O'CLOCK A.M. AND I WILL JUST READ THE SHORT TITLE IN NOW FOR
20 THE RECORD. THIS IS A HEARING ON THE PROPOSED CLEAN WATER,
21 CLEAN BEACH FEE TO CONSIDER ALL PROTESTS AGAINST THE FEE MADE
22 BY OWNERS OF PARCELS UPON WHICH THE FEE IS PROPOSED FOR
23 IMPOSITION. AGAIN THAT WILL BE A SET MATTER AT 11 O'CLOCK
24 TODAY. THERE ARE NO MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS. MR. CHAIRMAN, IF I
25 COULD ASK TO GO BACK TO ITEM NO. 6 AND ASK FOR



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1 RECONSIDERATION. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WOULD LIKE TO HOLD THIS
2 ITEM.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM NO. 6 PURSUANT TO THE
5 REQUEST OF SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IS BEING HELD UNLESS THERE
6 ARE ANY OBJECTIONS. HEARING NONE, WE WILL PROCEED ACCORDINGLY.

7

8 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. AND THAT COMPLETES THE
9 READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS
10 BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 3.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE WILL PROCEED IN
13 ORDER AS INDICATED. THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS IS TO MAKE
14 PRESENTATIONS ON BEHALF OF THE CHAIR'S OFFICE, AND THEN WE
15 WILL PROCEED TO ITEM -- SUPERVISORS 3, 4, 5, 1 AND THEN 2 IN
16 THAT ORDER. WE HAVE TWO VERY SPECIAL ONES, ONE THE BATTLE OF
17 THE SCHOOLS. AND IN ADDITION TO THAT, WE HAVE A PRESENTATION
18 FOR OUR SPECIAL GUESTS WHO ARE HERE FOR THE KELLOGG
19 INSTITUTE'S LEADERSHIP TRAINING. AND I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT
20 KARA KARLISLE, DIRECTOR OF NEW MEXICO PROGRAMS FOR W.K.
21 KELLOGG FOUNDATION AND ROBBY RODRIGUEZ, PROGRAM OFFICER FOR
22 THE KELLOGG FOUNDATION, AS WELL AS AND CONNIE WATSON, WHO
23 CHAIRS THE EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS, IF SHE WOULD COME FORWARD
24 WITH THE SPECIAL GUESTS. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN AND COLLEAGUES,
25 WE'RE DELIGHTED TO HAVE WITH US REPRESENTATIVES FROM SEVERAL



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1 PARTS OF OUR NATION. THEY ARE INDIVIDUALS WHO REPRESENT CITIES
2 WHO ARE INTERESTED IN CIVIC ENGAGEMENT. THEY COME FROM
3 BROOKLYN PARK, MINNESOTA. THEY COME FROM BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.
4 THEY ARE FROM OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, FROM NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE,
5 FROM DONA ANA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO. FROM NEWARK, NEW JERSEY,
6 FROM DENVER, COLORADO. THEY ARE FROM ATLANTA, GEORGIA. AND I
7 AM GOING TO ASK THEM IF THEY WOULD BE KIND ENOUGH TO STAND SO
8 WE COULD GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. OUR SPECIAL GUESTS
9 FROM ACROSS THE NATION. [APPLAUSE.] SOME OF YOU WILL KNOW THAT
10 SOME 21 YEARS AGO, WE ESTABLISHED THE EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS.
11 AND IN 2011, THE W.K. KELLOGG FOUNDATION RECOGNIZED THE
12 EFFICACY OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AS IT IS BEING EXPRESSED THROUGH
13 THIS MODEL. AND THEN WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTNER WITH
14 THEM AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN AN EFFORT TO REALIZE THAT THERE
15 SHOULD BE A TRAINING INSTITUTE THAT WOULD BE ESTABLISHED FOR
16 THAT PURPOSE. AND SO THIS WEEK, EIGHT LOCAL PARTNERSHIP TEAMS
17 HAVE JOINED US. AND THEY ARE HERE EAGER, READY TO PARTICIPATE,
18 TO LEARN AND TO CONTRIBUTE IN A WAY THAT WE LEARN FROM THEM.
19 IT BEGINS TODAY AND THERE'S NO MORE FITTING A VENUE FOR IT TO
20 BEGIN IN THAN HERE AT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND SO
21 THROUGHOUT THE WEEKS, TEAMS OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THEIR
22 STAFF MEMBERS, NONPROFIT AGENCIES, COMMUNITY LEADERS AND
23 BUSINESS PROFESSIONALS, RELIGIOUS LEADERS WILL GAIN THE
24 KNOWLEDGE AND RESOURCES TO BUILD SYSTEMS OF RECIPROCAL
25 ACCOUNTABILITY IN ORDER TO MAKE MORE EFFECTIVE PUBLIC POLICY



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1 DECISIONS THAT WILL AFFECT THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES. AND
2 AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE TRAINING, WE WILL HAVE THEM
3 PARTICIPATE WITH US AT THE 21ST ANNUAL EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS
4 SUMMIT THIS COMING SATURDAY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN
5 CALIFORNIA. THEREFORE, WE WILL, IN FACT, ENCOURAGE THEM TO
6 FIGHT ON. AND SO WE ARE HERE TODAY TO SAY TO THEM THANK YOU
7 FOR THEIR PRESENCE AND THEIR PARTICIPATION. THIS IS AN ONGOING
8 EFFORT. AND WE WOULD ASK NOW THAT WE HAVE TWO PERSONS
9 REPRESENTING THE GROUP COME TO SPEAK TO US. FIRST WE'RE GOING
10 TO HAVE KARA KARLISLE, DIRECTOR OF NEW MEXICO PROGRAMS,
11 REPRESENTING THE KELLOGG FOUNDATION, FOLLOWED BY CONNIE
12 WATSON, ONE OF THE CO-CHAIRS AND LEADERS OF THE EMPOWERMENT
13 CONGRESS. KARA? [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **KARA KARLISLE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,
16 AND SUPERVISORS HERE ACROSS LOS ANGELES. IT'S OFTENTIMES
17 DIFFICULT WHEN YOU'RE IN A PLACE AND IN YOUR OWN HOMETOWN TO
18 UNDERSTAND HOW INNOVATIVE AND HOW POWERFUL SOMETHING THAT
19 SEEMS SO MUCH A PART OF DAILY LIFE CAN BE WHEN YOU LOOK ACROSS
20 THE COUNTRY. AS A NATIONAL FOUNDATION INTERESTED IN WORKING
21 WITH COMMUNITIES TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN FUTURE AND TO REALLY
22 FOCUS ON THE DISPARITIES AROUND RACE AND ETHNICITY AND CLASS
23 AS A PART OF THAT CHANGE SOLUTION, WHEN WE LOOKED ACROSS THE
24 COUNTRY TO LOOK AT MODELS FOR EMPOWERMENT AND COMMUNITY
25 CHANGE, WE FOUND OURSELVES DRAWN TO LOS ANGELES AND THE WORK



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1 THAT MANY OF THE FOLKS HERE IN THIS ROOM HAVE BEEN PART OF
2 OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS, MANY OF YOU, PERHAPS. AND WE ARE
3 EXCITED TO BRING OTHER FOLKS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY HERE TO
4 THINK ABOUT A DIFFERENT KIND OF PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE
5 GOVERNANCE BODIES LIKE THE L.A. COUNTY SUPERVISORS, THE STATE,
6 THE CITY COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHOSE WISDOM, INSIGHTS,
7 AND VISION FOR THE LIFE OF THEIR CHILDREN AND THEIR
8 COMMUNITIES CAN BE TRANSFORMED THROUGH A DIFFERENT LEVEL OF
9 TRUST THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., DESCRIBED AS THE BELOVED
10 COMMUNITY DRIVEN BY VALUES OF JUSTICE, EQUITY, LOVE AND
11 ACCOUNTABILITY. AND SO AS A MEMBER OF THE W.K. KELLOGG
12 FOUNDATION, I'M SO PLEASED AND PROUD TO BE HERE RECOGNIZING
13 THE WORK OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS FOR THE PAST 21 YEARS WITH THE
14 HOPE THAT MANY OF THE LEADERS WHO HAVE COME HERE ACROSS THE
15 COUNTRY WILL BE INSPIRED BY A DIFFERENT LEVEL OF GOVERNANCE,
16 PARTNERSHIP, ACCOUNTABILITY AND CHANGE THAT WILL FUNDAMENTALLY
17 ALTER THE CULTURE OF ENGAGEMENT AND THE LIVES OF CHILDREN TO
18 COME. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **CONNIE WATSON:** GOOD MORNING. I'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS TIME TO
21 THANK THE W.K. KELLOGG FOUNDATION FOR ITS FORWARD THINKING IN
22 SUPPORTING AN EFFORT LIKE THE EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS. YOU IN
23 THIS ROOM EMBODY WHAT THE EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS STRIVES TO
24 ACHIEVE. YOU ARE HERE BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT YOU NEED TO TAKE
25 PART IN YOUR POLITICAL REPRESENTATION. YOU'RE HERE BECAUSE YOU



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1 WANT TO SEE CHANGES IN YOUR COMMUNITY. YOU'RE HERE BECAUSE YOU
2 KNOW THAT YOU CAN HOLD YOUR LEADERS ACCOUNTABLE. AND THAT'S
3 WHAT THE EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS IS ALL ABOUT. SO WE THANK YOU,
4 AS WELL. [APPLAUSE.]

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MARTIN?

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WELL THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ONCE
9 AGAIN A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR ALL OF OUR GUESTS FROM
10 ACROSS THE COUNTRY WHO ARE HERE TO SEE HOW WE DO IT.
11 [APPLAUSE.] WELL, THIS IS A DIFFERENT KIND OF PRESENTATION,
12 ONE THAT YOU WILL ENJOY, AS WELL. THIS REPRESENTS THE BATTLE
13 OF THE SCHOOLS. AND ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
14 WORKS, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, I WANT TO CONGRATULATE THE
15 FIVE SCHOOLS RECEIVING AN AWARD TODAY FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION
16 IN THE 2012 BATTLE OF THE SCHOOLS COMPETITION. GIVE THEM A
17 ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WON'T YOU? [APPLAUSE.] THIS IS -- THE
18 BATTLE OF THE SCHOOLS IS A COUNTY-WIDE COMPETITION DESIGNED TO
19 ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF WASTE LEAVING
20 SCHOOL CAMPUSES ON A WEEKLY BASIS. AS A PART OF A COMPETITION,
21 STUDENTS CONDUCTED A WASTE AUDIT BY EXAMINING CAFETERIAS,
22 CLASSROOMS, SCHOOL GROUNDS AND EXERCISE AREAS AND ANALYZED THE
23 IMPACT OF POLLUTION ON THEIR SCHOOL CAMPUSES. THE STUDENTS
24 THEN IDENTIFIED HOW THEY COULD REDUCE WASTE AND IMPLEMENTED
25 THE SOURCE REDUCTION TECHNIQUES SUCH AS RECYCLING. AND THROUGH



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1 THEIR EFFORTS, THE AWARD RECIPIENTS TODAY, THESE FIVE SCHOOLS,
2 CUMULATIVELY DIVERTED MORE THAN 68 -- I DID SAY 68,000 POUNDS
3 OF WASTE FROM THEIR SCHOOL CAMPUSES OVER A THREE-MONTH PERIOD.
4 68,000. [APPLAUSE.] IT IS COUNTY-SPONSORED PROGRAMS LIKE
5 GENERATION EARTH ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM THAT PROVIDED
6 STUDENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN ADDRESSING
7 ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS AND UNDERSTANDING THEIR ACTIONS AND HOW
8 THEIR ACTIONS DO HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT. LADIES AND
9 GENTLEMEN, I THINK YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THAT THE STUDENTS
10 ARE STEWARDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT. AND THEY WILL HELP US ACHIEVE
11 SOURCE REDUCTION AND STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION IN THE
12 VERY NEAR TERM. SO WE THANK EACH OF YOU, THE SCHOOLS THAT ARE
13 HERE WHO ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE ON YOUR RESPECTIVE CAMPUSES
14 AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR ONGOING CONTRIBUTIONS IN
15 CONTRIBUTING TO A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE. AND I'D LIKE TO START
16 WITH THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE SECOND DISTRICT, AND TO
17 ESSENTIALLY SAY THAT IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT THE JEFFERSON HIGH
18 SCHOOL COULD NOT JOIN US THIS MORNING. BUT THE WINNER FROM
19 JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL IS STEVE HOWE AND MARY DODSON OF
20 GENERATION EARTH PROGRAM. WE GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF
21 APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL, KNOWN AS THE
22 DEMOCRATS, HAS A DIVERSE RECYCLING PROGRAM WHICH INCLUDES
23 MIXED PAPER, CARDBOARDS, BOTTLES AND ALUMINUM CANS. THE
24 STUDENTS ALSO IDENTIFY STYROFOAM AS A MAJOR WASTE STREAM
25 CONTRIBUTOR AND WORKED WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES BUREAU OF



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1 SANITATION TO COLLECT STYROFOAM TRAYS IN A SEPARATE RECYCLING
2 BIN. ALSO, THE SCHOOL HAS AN ACTIVE COMPOSTING PROGRAM THAT
3 USES CAMPUS FOOD WASTE FOR THEIR GARDENS AND FRUIT ORCHARD.
4 AND SO JEFF HAS DIVERTED 3.2 POUNDS PER STUDENT OF MIXED
5 PAPER, CARDBOARD, BOTTLES AND THE LIKE AND SO WE TAKE THIS
6 OPPORTUNITY TO SAY TO STEVE AND MARY, THANK YOU. AND WE
7 APPRECIATE YOUR BEING GOOD STEWARDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND
8 ADVOCATING FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE. A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE
9 FOR THESE ADVOCATES FOR THE ENVIRONMENT. [APPLAUSE.]

10 SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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12 **SUP. MOLINA:** GOOD MORNING, AND THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. IT'S
13 MY HONOR THIS MORNING TO MAKE A PRESENTATION TODAY UNDER THE
14 BATTLE OF SCHOOLS TO THE ESTEBAN E. TORRES HIGH SCHOOL
15 ACADEMIES. WHAT'S FASCINATING ABOUT THIS OF COURSE IS THAT THE
16 ESTEBAN E. TORRES HIGH SCHOOL IS PROBABLY THE NEWEST HIGH
17 SCHOOL BUILT IN THE LAST 60, MAYBE 70 YEARS IN THE EAST SIDE.
18 I NEVER THOUGHT I WOULD BE PRESENTING THEM AN AWARD SO EARLY.
19 SO I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU I AM VERY PROUD OF WHAT THEY ARE DOING
20 HERE AT OUR SCHOOL. I APOLOGIZE, THIS MICROPHONE. FIRST OF ALL
21 JOINING ME IS ITS PRINCIPAL, DEBRA THOMPSON. I WANT TO THANK
22 HER FOR JOINING US AS WELL AS THE TEACHER, APHRODITA FUENTES.
23 THANK YOU FOR JOINING US. AND THE STUDENTS AS WELL, JASMINE
24 CASTANEDA, DIANA COREA, JOYCELYN FAVELA, MATEO SALGADO AND
25 DIANA SAMORA. THESE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE OUR FIRST DISTRICT



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1 WINNERS OF THE HUMANITAS ACADEMY OF ART AND TECHNOLOGY AT
2 ESTEBAN E. TORRES HIGH SCHOOL. THIS WAS THE ACADEMY'S FIRST
3 YEAR IN THE COMPETITION AND THEY SUCCEEDED, AS WE CAN SEE, BY
4 FLYING COLORS. AND THEIR INTRODUCTION ON THIS, IT CREATED AN
5 ENVIRONMENTAL CLUB TO DEVELOP SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES ON CAMPUS
6 AND A RECYCLING CAMPAIGN WAS ESTABLISHED FOR CANS, BOTTLES AND
7 MIXED PAPER. AND THE STUDENTS ALSO PLANNED AND PROMOTED THE
8 ELECTRONIC WASTE ROUNDUP THAT BENEFITED THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY.
9 THESE DEDICATED KIDS ARE VERY EAGER TO EXPAND THEIR EFFORTS
10 AND THEIR STELLAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS. AND THEY CERTAINLY DESERVE
11 OUR RECOGNITION. SO WOULD YOU JOIN ME IN APPLAUDING THESE
12 TRULY AMAZING YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR LEADERSHIP, AS WELL?
13 [APPLAUSE.] I WANT TO CONGRATULATE THEM. AND IF THEY'LL COME
14 UP AND JOIN ME, I'M HAVING SO MUCH TROUBLE WITH THIS
15 MICROPHONE, WOULD YOU HOLD IT FOR ME? THANK YOU. IF THEY WOULD
16 COME UP, I'D LIKE TO MAKE THIS PRESENTATION. I KNOW THAT AT
17 THE HIGH SCHOOLS, THEY HAVE THIS HALLWAY WHERE THEY PUT ALL OF
18 THESE GREAT DEDICATED KIND OF SCROLLS UP. SO IT'S VERY NICE
19 THAT ALL OF YOU CONTRIBUTED. PROBABLY ONE OF THE VERY FIRST
20 THAT YOU HAVE UP THERE. SO CONGRATULATIONS FOR YOUR EFFORTS
21 AND YOUR WORK TO ALL OF YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA.
24 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, PLEASE.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TODAY WE'RE GOING TO WELCOME FOR THE SECOND
2 TIME SAN GABRIEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL BECAUSE THEY WERE ALSO A
3 RECIPIENT LAST YEAR. WITH THEM IS THEIR TEACHER, MR. CLARENCE
4 ATWATER. DURING THE COMPETITION, THE STUDENTS HOSTED AN
5 ELECTRONIC WASTE COLLECTION EVENT WHICH HAS GROWN ANNUALLY, AN
6 EVENT THAT THE COMMUNITY NOW LOOKS FORWARD TO SUPPORTING EACH
7 YEAR. AND AS I SAID, LAST YEAR, THEY WON THE AWARD. AND ONCE
8 AGAIN THIS YEAR, THEY ARE A TWO-TIME WINNER. I JUST TOLD THEM,
9 THEY WIN IT A THIRD TIME, THEY GET A TOASTER. SAN GABRIEL
10 CHRISTIAN SCHOOL DIVERTED 21.78 POUNDS PER STUDENT OF BOTTLES,
11 ALUMINUM CANS AND ELECTRONIC WASTE. AND THIS JUST SHOWS YOU
12 WHAT A HANDFUL OF PEOPLE CAN DO TO HELP CLEAN UP OUR
13 ENVIRONMENT AND EDUCATE THEIR COMMUNITY. AND SO ONCE AGAIN, TO
14 SAN GABRIEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, CONGRATULATIONS, AND WE GIVE YOU
15 THIS PROCLAMATION AND APPRECIATE YOUR LEADERSHIP IN OUR
16 COMMUNITY. [APPLAUSE.]

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, FOLLOWED
19 BY SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO PRESENT THIS
22 PROCLAMATION TO THE PALISADES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL IN PACIFIC
23 PALISADES, 2011-12 BATTLE OF THE SCHOOLS WASTE REDUCTION
24 COMPETITION FROM OUR THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. IT'S
25 PRESENTED TO PALISADES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE SECOND



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1 CONSECUTIVE YEAR IN RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING EFFORT IN
2 REDUCING WASTE, RECYCLING AND DIVERTING MATERIALS FROM LOCAL
3 LANDFILLS DURING THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES' DEPARTMENT OF
4 PUBLIC WORKS 2012 BATTLE OF THE SCHOOLS COMPETITION. WE'RE
5 VERY PROUD OF PALISADES CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL. THEY DO A LOT OF
6 GREAT THINGS AND IT'S A GREAT SCHOOL. CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH
7 OF YOU, AND TO THE SCHOOLS, TO ALL YOUR COLLEAGUES.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
10 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE'RE SAVING THE BEST FOR LAST. I HAVE
11 THE HONOR OF PRESENTING THIS TO HUGHES MIDDLE SCHOOL IN THE
12 CITY OF LONG BEACH, THE ONLY THREE-PEATER HERE TODAY. THREE
13 YEARS IN A ROW. HOW'S THAT, HUH? [APPLAUSE.] WE HAVE WITH US
14 TODAY REPRESENTING THE SCHOOL KATHY PROCOPIO AND KIM PETERSON,
15 AS WELL AS STUDENTS KIMBERLY AMAYA, ERIC ESTRADA, CASSIDY
16 HUNT, ANTONIO JORGENSEN, AND ALLISON YANG. AS MANY OF YOU KNOW
17 FROM PREVIOUS YEARS, HUGHES MIDDLE SCHOOL HAS WON THE LAST TWO
18 YEARS AS I MENTIONED, AND NOW COMPLETING THEIR THREE-PEAT,
19 THEY WILL CLEARLY BE A FRONT RUNNER, THEY'RE COMMITTED TO
20 BEING FOUR IN A ROW NEXT YEAR. EACH YEAR, HUGHES HAS
21 INCORPORATED LARGER AND MORE INNOVATIVE PROJECTS ON THEIR
22 CAMPUS OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS. THEY CONTINUE TO TAKE THE
23 LEAD IN PROMOTING ALL ASPECTS OF DEVELOPING, BUILDING AND
24 MONITORING THEIR CAMPUS RECYCLING PROGRAM. HUGHES MIDDLE
25 SCHOOL DIVERTED 26.23 POUNDS PER STUDENT OF CARDBOARD, MIXED



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1 PAPER, SHREDDED PAPER, BOTTLES, ALUMINUM CANS, WOOD WASTE,
2 CLOTHING, FOOD WASTE, PLANT MATERIALS, GRASS AND ELECTRONIC
3 WASTE. SO WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE HUGHES MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR
4 THEIR THREE-PEAT AND GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE.
5 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. LET'S PROCEED TO THE
8 NEXT ITEMS, WHICH ARE THE ADDITIONAL PRESENTATIONS. AND WE
9 HAVE SEVERAL. AND WE BEGIN WITH THE THIRD DISTRICT, SUPERVISOR
10 YAROSLAVSKY.

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I'M VERY PROUD TO
13 HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE THE MARIACHI MASTER
14 APPRENTICE PROGRAM OF SAN FERNANDO, WHO HAS RECEIVED A GREAT
15 HONOR RECENTLY. THE MARIACHI MASTER APPRENTICE PROGRAM IS A
16 QUALITY APPRENTICE PROGRAM THAT BRINGS TOGETHER MUSIC MASTERS
17 WITH UNDERSERVED YOUTH IN AN INSTRUCTIONAL EXPERIENCE FOCUSING
18 ON ADVANCED AND BEGINNER INSTRUMENT INSTRUCTION, ARRANGEMENT
19 AND PERFORMANCE SKILLS. INSTRUCTION IS ON TRADITIONAL MARIACHI
20 INSTRUMENTS: VIOLINS, GUITARS, GUITARRONES, VIHUELAS, TRUMPETS
21 AND FOLK HARP. THE CURRICULUM IS EMPOWERING, INSTILLING SELF-
22 CONFIDENCE, PRIDE AND IDENTITY WHILE PROVIDING AN OUTLET FOR
23 CULTURAL EXPRESSION CELEBRATING THE MEXICAN HERITAGE THAT
24 REPRESENTS RESIDENTS IN OUR SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES.
25 ESTABLISHED IN 2001 BY THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO, THE MARIACHI



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1 MASTER APPRENTICE PROGRAM WAS FOUNDED BY NATI CANO, FOUNDER OF
2 THE WORLD-RENNED MARIACHI LOS CAMPEROS, AND VIRGINIA
3 DIEDIKER, THE CULTURAL ARTS SUPERVISOR AT SAN FERNANDO PARK.
4 ON NOVEMBER 19, 2012, FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA PRESENTED TO
5 THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO MARIACHI MASTER APPRENTICE PROGRAM
6 WITH THE 2012 NATIONAL ARTS AND HUMANITIES YOUTH PROGRAM
7 AWARD, THE HIGHEST HONOR AWARDED TO AFTER SCHOOL ARTS PROGRAMS
8 IN THE UNITED STATES. CHOSEN FROM A POOL OF MORE THAN 350
9 NOMINATIONS AND 50 FINALISTS THEY RECEIVED THE AWARD IN A
10 CEREMONY AT THE WHITE HOUSE. WE HAVE WITH US TODAY THE
11 STUDENTS WHO ATTENDED THE WHITE HOUSE CEREMONY AND WHO
12 SHOWCASED THE TALENTS OF ADVANCED STUDENTS FROM THE AWARD-
13 WINNING AND NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED ARTS IN EDUCATION PROGRAM.
14 AND I THINK OUR MARIACHIS ARE HERE. AND BEFORE I MAKE THE
15 PRESENTATION, I THINK THEY WERE GOING TO GRACE US WITH A
16 SAMPLE OF WHAT GOT THEM THIS HIGH HONOR. SO TAKE IT AWAY.
17 [MUSIC.] [APPLAUSE]

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL THE PRIDE OF THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO
20 AND ITS ENVIRONS. THIS IS A GREAT MARIACHI GROUP THAT HAS
21 ENTERTAINED IN SAN FERNANDO PARK AND SOME OF THE OTHER PARKS
22 IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY, AT THE WHITE HOUSE AND EVERYTHING
23 IN BETWEEN. SO WE'RE REALLY PROUD OF YOU. AND I THINK WE GET A
24 LITTLE TASTE OF WHY MICHELLE OBAMA HAD GOOD JUDGMENT. SO WE'RE
25 HONORED TO HAVE WITH US TODAY THE MAYOR PRO TEM OF THE CITY OF



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1 SAN FERNANDO, SYLVIA BALLIN, WHO IS WITH US. AND THIS, AS I
2 SAID EARLIER, WAS A PROGRAM THAT STARTED IN THE CITY OF SAN
3 FERNANDO BY THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO. AND WE'RE VERY, VERY
4 HONORED TO HAVE YOU HERE, MAYOR PRO TEM. I WANT TO PRESENT
5 THESE CERTIFICATES. FIRST OF ALL I WANT TO PRESENT THIS
6 PROCLAMATION TO THE SAN FERNANDO MARIACHI MASTER APPRENTICE
7 PROGRAM. DO YOU KNOW WHAT? IF YOU ALL WILL COME UP HERE, THE
8 MUSICIANS, AND JOIN US BACK HERE SO YOU CAN BE PART OF THIS
9 PRESENTATION, I KNOW THAT WASN'T THE PLAN. BUT I KNOW YOU'RE
10 ALL DYING TO HAVE A PICTURE WITH ME. [LAUGHTER.] THIS IS A
11 PROCLAMATION SIGNED BY ALL FIVE MEMBERS OF OUR BOARD TO
12 CONGRATULATE YOU ON THE GREAT HONOR YOU HAD GOING TO THE WHITE
13 HOUSE BUT REALLY MORE THAN THAT FOR THE GREAT MUSICIANSHIP AND
14 THE TRADITION AND CULTURAL EXPERIENCE YOU BRING TO ALL OF US
15 ALL YEAR ROUND IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. SO CONGRATULATIONS.
16 LET ME GIVE THIS TO YOU. NEXT, I WANT TO MAKE SOME INDIVIDUAL
17 PRESENTATIONS TO VIRGINIA DIEDIKER, WHO IS I GUESS THE FOUNDER
18 OF THIS, MORE OR LESS, OF THIS. I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING
19 IN YOUR HOME LAST SUMMER, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU REMEMBER, BUT
20 YOU GAVE ME A TOUR OF THE COSTUME WAREHOUSE. AND ONE OF THE
21 GREAT -- THE RICHEST COLLECTION OF MARIACHI COSTUMES THAT YOU
22 WILL EVER SEE ANYWHERE. ONCE YOU DECIDE TO GO OUT OF THIS
23 BUSINESS, YOU OUGHT TO DECLARE THAT A NATIONAL HISTORICAL
24 MONUMENT SO THAT FUTURE GENERATIONS CAN SEE THE GREAT
25 INTRICATE WORK THAT GOES INTO MAKING THESE COSTUMES. AND



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1 THEY'RE BEAUTIFUL. SO, VIRGINIA, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR WHAT
2 YOU DO. I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO SAY A WORD IN A MINUTE. SERGIO
3 ALONZO, SERGIO? JIMMY COYAR? JESUS GUZMAN? AND JUAN JIMENEZ.
4 GIVE THEM ALL A GREAT HAND. THESE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO PUT THIS
5 TOGETHER. [APPLAUSE.] LET ME ASK VIRGINIA TO SAY A FEW WORDS
6 ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP AND IF ANYBODY ELSE WOULD LIKE TO SAY A
7 WORD. SO ALL YOURS.

8

9 **VIRGINIA DIEDIKER:** I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO
10 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND TO OUR HONORABLE ZEV YAROSLAVSKY
11 WHO REPRESENTS OUR DISTRICT. THIS PROGRAM WAS ACTUALLY STARTED
12 AS AN EXPERIMENT. AND WITH THE VISION OF MR. NATI CANO AND
13 MARIACHI LOS CAMPEROS, WE'RE VERY PROUD AS A CITY THAT WE HAVE
14 THIS CALIBER OF MUSICIANSHIP TEACHING OUR YOUTH. YOUTH ARTS
15 EDUCATION IS SO VERY IMPORTANT. IT'S SOMETHING THAT IS
16 IMPORTANT TO ALL COMMUNITIES. IT STRENGTHENS THE COMMUNITY,
17 THE CORE OF THE COMMUNITY. AND AS YOU CAN SEE, WE ARE
18 PRODUCING SOME FANTASTIC YOUTH. [APPLAUSE.] THAT ARE -- SOME
19 GREAT YOUNG PEOPLE THAT ARE GOING TO BE VIBRANT COMMUNITY
20 MEMBERS IN THE FUTURE. [APPLAUSE.]

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU.
23 THE MENTORS, THE ORGANIZERS, AND ABOVE ALL THE MUSICIANS
24 THEMSELVES WHO HAVE GIVEN US A GOOD START TO WHAT IS GOING TO



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1 BE A GREAT DAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BEING HERE. THANK YOU,
2 MR. CHAIRMAN. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ANOTHER BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE
5 FOR THE SAN FERNANDO MARIACHIS. [APPLAUSE.] A FITTING CULTURAL
6 EXPRESSION ON THE 84TH BIRTHDAY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
7 THESE YOUNG PEOPLE WILL GO FORTH AND DO WONDERFUL THINGS. WE
8 NOW TURN TO THE FIFTH DISTRICT, SUPERVISOR MIKE ANTONOVICH,
9 FOR THREE PRESENTATIONS. SUPERVISOR?

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, THIS IS A TIME
12 WHEN WE ARE GOING TO RECOGNIZE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS SPENT 31
13 YEARS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WHO WAS A DEPUTY IN MY
14 OFFICE WHO IS RETIRING WHO BEGAN HER CAREER BACK IN 1965 IN
15 THE C.A.O.'S OFFICE, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE, AS A TYPIST-
16 CLERK. SHE WORKED THERE FOR FIVE MONTHS AND THEN MOVED ON TO
17 SUPERVISOR FRANK BONELLI'S, WHO WAS REPRESENTING THE FIRST
18 DISTRICT AT THAT TIME. AND SHE WAS THEN PROMOTED THROUGH THE
19 SECRETARIAL RANKS, TAKING COLLEGE COURSES AT NIGHT, SERVED AS
20 A PRESS DEPUTY SECRETARY UNTIL SUPERVISOR BONELLI PASSED AWAY
21 IN 1972. WHEN SUPERVISOR SCHABARUM WAS APPOINTED BY THE
22 GOVERNOR TO REPLACE SUPERVISOR BONELLI, ALETA WENT ON THE
23 SUPERVISOR'S STAFF AND SHE ATTAINED THE RANK OF EXECUTIVE
24 SECRETARY BEFORE LEAVING COUNTY SERVICE TO GO HOME AND BE A
25 STAY-AT-HOME MOM TO RAISE HER TWO CHILDREN, RAYMOND AND DANIA.



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1 GOT IT RIGHT HERE. SHE THEN WENT BACK TO COLLEGE AND COMPLETED
2 HER DEGREE, WORKED IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOR SIX YEARS AND
3 THEN BACK IN 1996 AS SHE WENT TO MY SAN DIMAS OFFICE WHERE SHE
4 WORKED, AND THEN IN 2002, BECAME A DEPUTY IN MY DOWNTOWN
5 OFFICE WHERE SHE SERVE AS THE LIAISON TO THE REGISTRAR-
6 RECORDER, COUNTY CLERK AND SUPERVISED THE INTERNS AND FRONT
7 OFFICE STAFF. SO SHE'S HAD THREE DECADES OF SERVICE. SHE'S
8 REALLY BEEN VERY, VERY GOOD BECAUSE SHE UNDERSTANDS THE
9 INVOLVEMENT OF THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER'S OFFICE AND SHE'S
10 HELPED MANY OF THE CONSTITUENTS NOT JUST IN OUR DISTRICT BUT
11 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY WITH THEIR PROBLEMS WHEN THEY HAVE A
12 PROBLEM WITH THE RECORDER'S OFFICE. SO ALETA, THANK YOU,
13 CONGRATULATIONS. WISH YOU CONTINUE ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL 31 YEARS
14 IN RETIREMENT. [APPLAUSE.]

15

16 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, MIKE, AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THIS
17 IS AN HONOR AND A SURPRISE I WISH TO HAVE AVOIDED.
18 NEVERTHELESS, I WANT TO THANK YOU ALL. I STARTED TO WORK FOR
19 THE COUNTY IN 1965 WHEN THIS BUILDING WAS FIVE YEARS OLD. NOW
20 THE BUILDING AND I ARE BOTH SHOWING OUR AGE. [LAUGHTER.] THE
21 FOLLOWING MONTH, THE WATTS RIOTS TOOK PLACE AND I WAS BEING
22 TRANSPORTED BY PUBLIC BUS. SO I HAVE LOTS OF MEMORIES I'VE
23 MADE OVER THE LAST ALMOST 50 YEARS. AND THIS GROUP OF PEOPLE
24 HAS BECOME MY EXTENDED FAMILY. I'M GOING TO MISS YOU. BUT I'M
25 GOING TO ENJOY RETIREMENT. THANK YOU ALL. [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ANOTHER BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE
3 FOR ONE OF OUR EMPLOYEES WHO'S WORKED SO HARD FOR SO LONG.
4 [APPLAUSE.] AND DOING SUCH FABULOUS WORK. SUPERVISOR?

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL, TIM BISSELL HERE IS ANOTHER ONE OF OUR
7 COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO IS RETIRING AFTER 36 YEARS IN THE
8 CONSUMER AFFAIRS OFFICE. HE BEGAN BACK IN 1976 AS AN
9 INVESTIGATOR AND ROSE THROUGH THE RANKS TO BECOME CHIEF DEPUTY
10 DIRECTOR. SINCE THE DAY THE DEPARTMENT OPENED ITS DOORS TO THE
11 PUBLIC, HE'S BEEN AN ADVOCATE AND A CHAMPION FOR A FAIR,
12 VIBRANT MARKETPLACE, SHAPING THE WAY FOR THE DEPARTMENT WHO
13 SERVES OUR CONSUMERS, OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR BUSINESS
14 COMMUNITY TODAY. THROUGH HIS LEADERSHIP AND VISION, TIM
15 EXPANDED THE STAFFING PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OF THE DEPARTMENT
16 OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS TO SERVE MORE THAN 1 MILLION CONSUMERS
17 ANNUALLY. DURING HIS TENURE, THE DEPARTMENT BECAME THE PREMIER
18 LOCAL CONSUMER PROTECTION AGENCY THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES.
19 AND THEY'VE BEEN RECOGNIZED, NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AS CONSUMER
20 PROTECTION ADVOCATES. THIS COMMITMENT TO CLEAR AND EFFECTIVE
21 COMMUNICATION HELPED LAUNCH THE COUNTY'S PLAIN LANGUAGE
22 INITIATIVE, WHICH IMPROVED THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE
23 DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNICATIONS WITH CONSUMERS IN L.A. COUNTY.
24 PERHAPS WE SHOULD HAVE HIM RETIRE TO I.R.S. AND HELP THEM
25 WRITE A DOCUMENT IN PLAIN LANGUAGE, AS WELL. ANYWAY, TIM,



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1 CONGRATULATIONS. IT'S A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH YOU ALL OF THESE
2 YEARS. [APPLAUSE.]

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WOULD THAT BE THE DEPARTMENT OF
5 CONSUMER AFFAIRS BEHAVING THAT WAY? OH MY GOD.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TIM, SAY A FEW WORDS AND THEN OUR DEPARTMENT
8 CHAIRMAN IS GOING TO SAY A COUPLE WORDS.

9

10 **TIM BISSELL:** WELL, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I AM REALLY TRULY
11 HONORED TO RECEIVE THIS RECOGNITION FROM THE BOARD. AND I
12 REALLY WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH FOR HIS LEADERSHIP
13 ALL THESE YEARS AND PROTECTING CONSUMERS AND PARTICULARLY
14 HOMEOWNERS. IF IT WASN'T FOR SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH WE WOULDN'T
15 HAVE THE REAL ESTATE FRAUD PROGRAM, WE WOULDN'T HAVE THE
16 HOMEOWNER NOTIFICATION PROGRAM. YOU'VE REALLY DONE A LOT TO
17 PROTECT HOMEOWNERS AND FIGHT REAL ESTATE FRAUD, AND I THANK
18 YOU FOR THAT. AND I THANK ALL OF THE BOARD FOR ALL THE WORK
19 THAT THEY'VE DONE ALL THESE YEARS WITH US TO PROTECT
20 HOMEOWNERS AND TO PROTECT CONSUMERS. ON THE WALLS OF THIS
21 CHAMBER ARE THE WORDS THAT THIS COUNTRY IS FOUNDED ON, FREE
22 ENTERPRISE, PROTECT IT AND PRESERVE IT. I THINK WHAT WE
23 LEARNED FROM THE RECENT FINANCIAL MELTDOWN AND THE GREAT
24 RECESSION IS THAT WHEN CONSUMERS AREN'T PROTECTED, MARKETS
25 AREN'T PROTECTED. WHEN CONSUMERS ARE AT RISK, MARKETS ARE AT



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1 RISK, TOO. WE CANNOT PROTECT FREE ENTERPRISE UNLESS WE PROTECT
2 CONSUMERS. I COMMEND THE BOARD FOR CREATING THIS DEPARTMENT 36
3 YEARS AGO, AND EACH MEMBER OF THIS BOARD FOR YOUR COMMITMENT
4 TO PROTECTING THE CONSUMERS OF L.A. COUNTY AND THE INTEGRITY
5 OF OUR MARKETPLACE. WE COULD NOT HAVE ACHIEVED SO MUCH WITHOUT
6 YOUR SUPPORT. I DON'T THINK ANYONE COULD HAVE IMAGINED 36
7 YEARS AGO WHEN THE DEPARTMENT OPENED WITH LESS THAN A DOZEN
8 STAFF WHAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD BE TODAY. OUR SUCCESS IS THE
9 RESULT OF THE OUTSTANDING STAFF AT D.C.A. AND THE
10 EXTRAORDINARY WORK THAT THEY DO. AND I WOULD LIKE THE STAFF AT
11 D.C.A. TO STAND AND BE RECOGNIZED. THIS IS A TERRIFIC GROUP OF
12 PEOPLE THAT DOES SO MUCH EVERY DAY TO HELP SO MANY PEOPLE.
13 [APPLAUSE.] THIS IS A GREAT GROUP OF PEOPLE. THANK YOU. TODAY
14 WE HAVE 50 PAID STAFF AND MORE THAN 70 VOLUNTEERS WHO COUNSEL
15 OVER 300,000 CONSUMERS EACH YEAR. THEY INVESTIGATE MORE THAN
16 4,000 CONSUMER COMPLAINTS AND MAKE OVER 100 PRESENTATIONS TO
17 COMMUNITY GROUPS. THE WEBSITE HAS MORE THAN 800,000 VISITORS
18 EACH YEAR. BECAUSE OF THE OUTSTANDING EFFORTS OF THIS GROUP OF
19 PEOPLE, FAMILIES REMAIN IN THEIR HOMES. AUTOMOBILES ARE
20 RETURNED. IDENTITY AND CREDIT RATINGS ARE RESTORED.
21 MERCHANDISE IS EXCHANGED. GOODS ARE REPAIRED. CONTRACTS ARE
22 HONORED. MONEY IS REFUNDED. AND TRUST IN EACH OTHER AND OUR
23 MARKETPLACE IS UPHELD. IT'S A TRUE HONOR TO WORK WITH SUCH A
24 GREAT STAFF. I WANT TO THANK PASTOR HERRERA WHO I WORKED WITH
25 FOR 33 YEARS. HE WAS A GREAT DIRECTOR, A GREAT COLLEAGUE AND



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1 REMAINS A DEAR FRIEND. I ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE EVELYN
2 STEIN, WHO WAS A COLLEAGUE FOR MORE THAN 20 YEARS. SHE WAS
3 INSTRUMENTAL IN STARTING THE SMALL CLAIMS ADVISORY PROGRAM,
4 THE MEDIATION PROGRAM AND I THANK YOU, EVELYN, FOR ALL OF YOUR
5 CONTRIBUTIONS. I ALSO WANT TO THANK SHIRLEY GOLDINGER WHO
6 SERVED AS OUR FIRST DIRECTOR AND WAS REALLY INSTRUMENTAL IN
7 CREATING THE DEPARTMENT. SHE IS NO LONGER WITH US, BUT I THINK
8 SHE'D BE REALLY PROUD OF THE DEPARTMENT AND THE WORK THAT IT
9 DOES TODAY. AND I ALSO WANT TO THANK MY FAMILY, WHO'S HERE
10 TODAY, CYNTHIA ENDO, MY PARTNER, MY PARTNER IN LIFE AND LOVE,
11 THANK YOU, CYNTHIA, FOR YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT. [APPLAUSE.] MY
12 SON JACK BISSELL, THANK YOU, JACK. YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, A GOOD
13 SON. AND MY DAUGHTER, CATHERINE BRYAN IS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.
14 SHE'S AT WORK TODAY IN HER OFFICE AT THE CONSUMER FEDERATION
15 OF AMERICA. AND SHE'S WATCHING US ON THE INTERNET. AND, KATIE,
16 I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT. FOR
17 ABOUT A DOZEN YEARS, OUR HOUSEHOLD WAS ME AND JACK AND KATIE.
18 AND KATIE, YOU DID SO MUCH TO MAKE OUR APARTMENT A HOME. AND I
19 THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR LOVE AND SUPPORT. I ALSO WANT TO THANK
20 MY BROTHER, JEFF BISSELL, HE IS A SAILOR, HE'S OUT ON THE HIGH
21 SEAS RIGHT NOW. AND THANK YOU, BROTHER, FOR YOUR LOVE AND
22 SUPPORT. AND I WANT TO THANK BRIAN STIGER, OUR DIRECTOR OF
23 CONSUMER AFFAIRS. BRIAN HAS BEEN WITH US A LITTLE OVER A YEAR
24 NOW AND IS JUST DOING AN OUTSTANDING JOB IN LEADING OUR
25 DEPARTMENT INTO A NEW ERA. SO, BRIAN, THANK YOU. SO I THANK



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1 THE COUNTY FOR REALLY, FOR GIVING ME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
2 SERVE. IT'S REALLY BEEN AN HONOR TO SERVE AND TO WORK WITH
3 THIS BOARD. AND I REALLY THANK THE BOARD FOR RECOGNIZING ME
4 AND OUR DEPARTMENT TODAY. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

5

6 **BRIAN STIGER:** SO ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER
7 AFFAIRS, I REALLY WANT TO CONGRATULATE TIM ON THE OCCASION OF
8 HIS RETIREMENT. THE DEPARTMENT REALLY APPRECIATES THE GOOD
9 WORK THAT HE HAS PROVIDED TO THE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES
10 COUNTY FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. AND YOU CAN TELL THAT HE REALLY
11 EXEMPLIFIES WHAT A PUBLIC SERVANT IS ALL ABOUT. SO, TIM, WE
12 WISH YOU GOOD LUCK, LONG LIFE, GOOD HEALTH. AND ALSO WANT TO
13 THANK HIS FAMILY FOR LETTING US BORROW TIM FOR A FEW YEARS.
14 THANK YOU, TIM. [APPLAUSE.]

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** AGAIN ANOTHER BIG ROUND OF
17 APPLAUSE IS IN ORDER FOR TIM BECAUSE CONSUMER AFFAIRS IS
18 UNCHAINED OVER THERE. GIVE HIM ANOTHER BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE.
19 I'LL TELL YOU, THEY ARE UNCORKED. [APPLAUSE.]

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE DR. JEANNE MARIE
22 WALLACE, WHO WAS NAMED BY U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT AS ONE OF
23 THE TOP PHYSICIANS IN THE FIELD OF SLEEP MEDICINE. SHE IS
24 CERTIFIED IN INTERNAL MEDICINE, CRITICAL CARE, AND SLEEP
25 MEDICINE AND HAS WORKED AT OLIVE VIEW MEDICAL CENTER SINCE



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1 1986. IN HER CAPACITY AS A MULTI-BOARD CERTIFIED PHYSICIAN
2 SPECIALIST SHE APPLIED HER SKILLS AND TRAINING TO ENSURE THAT
3 RESIDENTS SEEKING CARE AT OLIVE VIEW HAVE ACCESS TO
4 COMPREHENSIVE PULMONARY CRITICAL CARE SERVICES. SHE IS
5 RESPONSIBLE FOR ESTABLISHING AND OVERSEEING OUR OLIVE VIEW
6 CENTER'S SLEEP MEDICINE PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES CRITICALLY
7 NEEDED TREATMENT AND RESEARCH FOR SLEEP DISORDERS, INCLUDING
8 THE LIFE-THREATENING CONSEQUENCES OF MANY OF THESE DISEASES.
9 SHE'S RECEIVED HER BACHELOR'S AND MEDICAL DEGREES AND MASTERS
10 IN PUBLIC HEALTH FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS
11 ANGELES. SO CONGRATULATIONS, DOCTOR. AND HERE ALSO TO ACCEPT
12 THE AWARD IS DR. ANISH MAHAJAN, DIRECTOR OF SYSTEMS PLANNING
13 AT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES. [APPLAUSE.]

14
15 **DR. JEANNE WALLACE:** WELL I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF
16 SUPERVISORS FOR RECOGNIZING OUR SLEEP MEDICINE PROGRAM AT
17 OLIVE VIEW MEDICAL CENTER AND ALSO FOR UNDERSTANDING THE
18 IMPORTANCE OF SLEEP MEDICINE TO THE PERSONAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH
19 OF THE COMMUNITY. I ALSO WANTED TO GIVE A SPECIAL THANKS TO
20 THE RESPIRATORY CARE DEPARTMENT AT OLIVE VIEW, WHO HAS JUST
21 DONE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT TO ADVANCE THE PROGRAM AT OLIVE VIEW.
22 AND TWO OF OUR RESPIRATORY CARE PRACTITIONERS THAT ARE HERE,
23 ARNOLD PENGANAMEN WHO IS TAKING PICTURES AND ALSO JIM PRATT,
24 WHO IS IN THE AUDIENCE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE 12-WEEK OLD TERRIER MIX
2 NAMED CHASE. SHE'S LOOKING FOR A HOME. SO THIS IS LITTLE
3 CHASE. HAS LITTLE WHISKERS. SO ANYBODY WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT
4 LITTLE CHASE, YOU CAN CALL 562-728-4644, OR SOMEBODY IN THE
5 AUDIENCE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE LITTLE CHASE TO BRING LOVE AND
6 CARE IN THEIR HOME. MAYBE TO COLORADO. SO THANK YOU. THIS IS
7 LITTLE CHASE. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. ANTONOVICH, AND
10 TO ALL THE MEMBERS FOR THEIR PRESENTATIONS TODAY. I CONCLUDE
11 WITH A SPECIAL PRESENTATION. AS WE ASK BOTH VINCENT KIM AND
12 SANG WON PARK IF THEY WOULD COME AND WE ACKNOWLEDGE THEM.
13 TODAY WE HONOR THE FIRST WAVE OF IMMIGRANTS FROM KOREA BY
14 DECLARING KOREAN AMERICAN DAY THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS
15 ANGELES. ON JANUARY THE 13TH, 1903, THE S.S. GAELIC ARRIVED IN
16 HAWAII CARRYING 103 BRAVE SOULS FROM KOREA AND THUS MAKING THE
17 START OF KOREAN AMERICAN HISTORY. THESE WOMEN, MEN AND
18 CHILDREN HAD VENTURED ACROSS THE PACIFIC IN PURSUIT OF THE
19 AMERICAN DREAM AND FACED NUMEROUS CHALLENGES AND OBSTACLES.
20 ACCORDING TO THE 2010 CENSUS, THERE ARE 1.6 MILLION KOREANS
21 LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES AND LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS HOME TO
22 THE LARGEST KOREAN AMERICAN POPULATION IN THE UNITED STATES.
23 THE KOREAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY LOOKS TOWARD THE NEXT CENTURY
24 AND CONTINUES TO INSTILL THEIR ROOTS IN THEIR YOUTH, REVERENCE
25 FOR COURAGE AND PRIDE IN THEIR CULTURAL HERITAGE. THEREFORE IT



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1 IS WITH GREAT PLEASURE ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE BOARD THAT I
2 PRESENT THIS SCROLL IN HONOR OF KOREAN AMERICAN DAY AND WE
3 WISH TO PRESENT IT TO SANG WON PARK AND WITH RESPECT FOR THE
4 TRADITION OF WHICH YOU ARE A PART AND THE NOBILITY THAT IS
5 ATTACHED TO YOUR LONG COURAGEOUS STAND AS A PART OF THE KOREAN
6 AMERICAN COMMUNITY. [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **SANG WON PARK:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR GIVING US AN
9 OPPORTUNITY HAVING A PROCLAMATION IN THIS FLOOR. ESPECIALLY
10 THANKS TO THOMAS RIDLEY, JR. GIVING US AN OPPORTUNITY AS A
11 CHAIRPERSON AND ALSO ALL THE SUPERVISOR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
12 KOREAN AMERICAN FOUNDATION IS LAYING GROUNDWORK FOR THE KOREAN
13 AMERICAN DAY THROUGH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY AND THE
14 SENATE TO PASS A RESOLUTION OF KOREAN AMERICAN DAY IN 2004. SO
15 SINCE 2004, ACTUALLY THIS YEAR MARKS THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF
16 KOREAN AMERICAN DAY, MADE THE RESOLUTION THROUGH THE
17 CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY AND THE SENATE. ALSO, YEAR 2005,
18 NATIONAL CONGRESS AND THE SENATE RECOGNIZED KOREAN AMERICAN
19 DAY. ALSO THEY PASSED THE KOREAN AMERICAN DAY RESOLUTION. SO
20 THIS YEAR IS SIGNIFICANT FOR THE KOREAN AMERICANS AS 110TH OF
21 FIRST KOREANS ARRIVED IN HAWAII AND ALSO 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF
22 THE PASSED RESOLUTION OF KOREAN AMERICAN DAY THROUGH THE STATE
23 OF CALIFORNIA CONGRESS AND THE SENATE. SO I'D LIKE TO THANK
24 YOU FOR THIS GIVING OPPORTUNITY TO HAVING A PROCLAMATION OF



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1 THE KOREAN AMERICAN DAY. AND THANK YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

2 AND THANK YOU, LOS ANGELES COUNTY. [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ONCE AGAIN WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
5 PRESENCE. AND WE TAKE NOTE OF THE BREADTH OF THE COUNTY OF LOS
6 ANGELES AND ITS PRESENTATIONS THIS MORNING FROM THE FIRST
7 THROUGH THE FIFTH DISTRICTS. THIS IS THE MOST CULTURALLY
8 DIVERSE COMMUNITY IN THE ENTIRE UNITED STATES, ACCORDING TO
9 THE CENSUS DATA. AND HERE IN THIS COUNTY WE CELEBRATE OUR
10 DIVERSITY AS AN ASSET. AND IF YOU BELIEVE THAT, YOU OUGHT TO
11 GIVE YOURSELVES A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE BECAUSE IT'S IMPORTANT
12 TO HAVE THAT AS A PART OF OUR EXPERIENCE. [APPLAUSE.] MADAM
13 EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

14

15 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, WE HAVE A FEW
16 MINUTES BEFORE THE SET ITEM. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS
17 WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON OTHER ITEMS. YOU MAY WISH TO
18 CALL THEM UP RIGHT NOW.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE WILL PROCEED ACCORDINGLY. I
21 HAVE FIVE PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD. WE BEGIN WITH ROBIN
22 MITCHELL. AND AS I CALL YOUR NAMES, IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD
23 WITH IMMEDIACY, IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED. ROBIN MITCHELL. CHUCK
24 TAYLOR. ANTONIA RAMIREZ. ERIC PREVEN. ARNOLD SACHS. AND



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1 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL IN THAT ORDER. MR. PREVEN, PLEASE PROCEED.

2 YOUR TIME BEGINS NOW, SIR. THANK YOU.

3

4 **ERIC PREVEN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ERIC PREVEN
5 AND I AM THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3. IT IS VERY, VERY
6 EXCITING, OBVIOUSLY, FOR ALL OF US TO HAVE SO MANY
7 PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S MEETING. THAT IS VERY ATYPICAL
8 AND WE ARE VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO HEARING THE REPORT ON
9 ITEM 40 LATER AND THEN FROM THE CONSTITUENTS WHO HAVE COME
10 DOWN TO MAKE THEIR VOICES KNOWN ON THAT. I WANT TO SAY ALSO
11 CONGRATULATIONS TO THE KOREAN FOUNDATION WHO JUST GOT AN AWARD
12 A MOMENT AGO. THIS IS A VERY PRESTIGIOUS ORGANIZATION THAT HAS
13 RECENTLY SENT SUPERVISOR KNABE OVER TO SOUTH KOREA ON A FACT-
14 FINDING MISSION. AND THAT MUST HAVE GONE VERY, VERY WELL. WE
15 DIDN'T GET MANY OF THE DETAILS, BUT WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO
16 THEM. AND ONCE AGAIN ON KOREAN- AMERICAN DAY, IT'S SO EXCITING
17 TO AWARD THIS GROUP FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW. AND THEN
18 WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR POSSIBLY A THIRD OR ANOTHER
19 DIFFERENT ORGANIZATION COULD GET THE AWARD ON THIS VERY
20 IMPORTANT DAY TO COMMEMORATE THE LARGE POPULATION THAT WE DO
21 CHERISH. AND ONE FINAL COMMENT ON THAT SUBJECT WOULD BE ERIN
22 POCK WHO IS A GREAT KOREAN-AMERICAN WHO RUNS A HEALTHCARE
23 FOUNDATION THAT THE COUNTY AND THE CITY BOTH PARTICIPATE IN.
24 IT'S A VERY EFFECTIVE GROUP. SHE'S ALSO BEEN APPOINTED TO THE
25 ETHICS COMMISSION AT LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL OVER THERE. AND



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1 ONE OF THE CONCERNS WAS THAT SHE AND HER HUSBAND ARE ALSO VERY
2 PRODIGIOUS FUNDRAISERS. AND THE L.A. TIMES HAS COME FORWARD
3 AND ASKED THAT SHE STEP DOWN. I'VE ASKED THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
4 BOARD TO INFORM MR. WESSON OF THE PUBLIC'S CONCERNS THERE. NO
5 DISRESPECT TO MS. POCK, WHO IS AN EXCELLENT, AS I SAY, PERSON
6 AND MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. IT'S JUST THAT THAT'S A TEENY BIT OF
7 CONFLICT OF INTEREST. TODAY'S ITEMS, A LOT OF THEM HAVE BEEN
8 CONTINUED TO MAKE ROOM FOR THIS. THE ONE THAT SUPERVISOR
9 MOLINA IS ON THE TELEPHONE ABOUT NOW HAS TO DO WITH THE JAIL
10 ITEM. BECAUSE WE ARE WAITING, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, FOR THIS
11 BOARD TO GET WITH THEIR FIRM, THEY HAVE A LITTLE FIRM WHO THEY
12 WILL BE MEETING WITH LATER BACK STAGE TO FIND AN OFFICE OF THE
13 INSPECTOR GENERAL. NOW THIS OF COURSE IS A VERY BIG PROJECT
14 BECAUSE IT HAS TO DO OUR JAILS AND THE JAIL VIOLENCE. AND WE
15 DID, FOR THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW, HAVE A CITIZENS COMMISSION ON
16 JAIL VIOLENCE THAT HAS BEEN WORKING ON THESE RECOMMENDATIONS
17 AND THE SHERIFF HAS ADOPTED ALL OF THEM. IT'S JUST THAT WE'RE
18 TRYING TO BENCHMARK APPROPRIATELY. AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
19 IS ALSO INTERESTED IN MORE CREDIBLE REPORTS FROM THE PROBATION
20 DEPARTMENT WHICH WILL ALSO BE PUNTED UNTIL LATER THIS MONTH.
21 BUT WE ARE CERTAINLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THAT. ON ITEM NO. 38,
22 I BELIEVE IT IS, WE ARE GOING TO BE REDEFINING WHAT AN "N-3"
23 IS. AND I WAS CONFUSED BECAUSE THIS ITEM IS A DISCUSSION ITEM,
24 AND N-3 HAS TO DO WITH PROBATION. IT MEANS NON, NON, NON.
25 NONVIOLENT, NON-- THERE ARE SEVERAL NONS. THE LESS DANGEROUS



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1 TYPE. AND I WOULD JUST URGE THIS BOARD AS WE DO GO FORWARD IN
2 THIS CATEGORY TO REALLY CONSIDER THE IDEA THAT WE'VE TALKED
3 ABOUT BEFORE OF A ZONE DEFENSE. WE DO NOT WANT TO CONTINUE TO
4 RE-ARREST PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT DANGEROUS. WE VERY MUCH VALUE
5 CREATING A NET. AND MANY MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD HAVE BEEN
6 INSTRUMENTAL IN GETTING THAT DONE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PEOPLE
7 WHO ARE COMING OUT OF STATE PRISON SO THAT THEY DO NOT -- WE
8 ARE AGAINST RECIDIVISM.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS.

11

12 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SIR. HAVE A NICE AFTERNOON.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, LIKEWISE. MEMBERS OF
15 THE BOARD, MAY I TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE A SPECIAL
16 GUEST FROM THE CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY? SHE IS THE HONORABLE
17 HOLLY MITCHELL. PLEASE GIVE HER ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND WELCOME TO
18 -- [APPLAUSE.] NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. SIR, YOUR NAME?

19

20 **CHUCK TAYLOR:** MR. CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS
21 CHUCK TAYLOR. I REPRESENT CANON SOLUTIONS AMERICA, WHOLLY-
22 OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF CANON U.S.A., A \$40 BILLION GLOBAL
23 CORPORATION. I'M SPEAKING TODAY REGARDING ITEM 15, AND THAT IS
24 THE PRINT OPTIMIZATION CONTRACT THAT WILL BE COMING BEFORE THE
25 BOARD. AS A COMPANY, CANON HAS BEEN FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO HOLD A



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1 CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY SINCE 1993. AND AT THAT TIME WE WERE
2 ALL VETTED. UP TO 12 VENDORS WERE VETTED AS MANUFACTURERS THAT
3 WERE ABLE TO COME IN AND DO COMPETITIVE BIDS EACH TIME THERE
4 WAS A CONTRACT THAT CAME FORWARD. THIS CONTRACT THAT'S BEING
5 VETTED TODAY OR OFFERED TODAY IS GOING TO CREATE A MONOPOLY OF
6 ONLY TWO VENDORS THAT WILL ELIMINATE THE COMPETITIVE NATURE OF
7 DOING BUSINESS WITH THE COUNTY OF L.A. WHEN IT COMES TIME TO
8 BID FOR THE COPIER CONTRACTS. THIS IMPACTS THE LIVES OF
9 EMPLOYEES OF UP TO 12 MANUFACTURERS. IT COULD BE HUNDREDS,
10 MAYBE UP TO MORE THAN A THOUSAND EMPLOYEES THAT WILL BE
11 IMPACTED BY THIS DECISION. ONE OF THE OTHER THINGS THAT'S IN
12 THIS CONTRACT IS THAT IT HAD TERMS IN IT THAT CAUSED VERY MUCH
13 OF A DIFFICULTY FOR OUR COMPANY TO PARTICIPATE, AND INCLUDED
14 UP TO 7 TERMINATION CLAUSES IN THE CONTRACT, ONE AS SPECIFIC
15 AS A TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE WHICH SAYS THAT THE COUNTY
16 CAN ACTUALLY WALK AWAY FROM A CONTRACT FOR WHATEVER REASON. NO
17 CAUSE. THEY CAN WALK AWAY. IN ADDITION TO THAT, THE CONTRACT
18 IS UP TO 60 MONTHS. AND IT IS REQUIRED THAT THE VENDOR OFFER
19 THE EQUIPMENT IF IT'S \$10 A MONTH AS THE CHARGE FOR THE
20 EQUIPMENT, 50 MONTHS LATER INTO A 60-MONTH CONTRACT, YOU STILL
21 HAVE TO OFFER THAT SAME \$10 A MONTH. AND THE EQUIPMENT HAS TO
22 BE NEW. BASED ON THAT, THAT HAS A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON ANY
23 VENDOR OR MANUFACTURER THAT'S APPLYING OR CONSIDERING TRYING
24 TO BID ON ONE OF THESE CONTRACTS. I ASK THAT THE COMMITTEE OR
25 THE BOARD AT LEAST LOOK AT THIS CONTRACT WHERE IT SAYS THAT IT



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1 IS A MANDATORY CONTRACT BY ALL DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE COUNTY
2 AND AT LEAST REMOVE THAT SECTION OF IT THAT WOULD ALLOW OTHER
3 MANUFACTURERS TO AT LEAST COMPETE. SO IF YOU WOULD TAKE THIS
4 INTO CONSIDERATION, I THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
7 TESTIMONY. THE NEXT PRESENTER, PLEASE?

8

9 **ROBIN MITCHELL:** MY NAME IS ROBIN GENSLEY MITCHELL. I AM
10 CONCERNED ABOUT NO. 44, WHICH IS THE FLOOD CONTROL. I THOUGHT
11 THAT WE HAD PAID FOR THAT WITH PROPOSITION O. AND I'M
12 PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT IT BECAUSE I HAVE TWO PARCELS IN
13 THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. I HAVE ONE IN TORRANCE AND I HAVE
14 ONE IN ROLLING HILLS ESTATES. AND IT LOOKS LIKE IT WOULD BE
15 OVER ABOUT \$300 THAT WE WOULD BE PAYING ON ALL FOUR OF THOSE.
16 THAT'S MY FIRST CONSIDERATION. THE OTHER THING WAS NO. 28,
17 WHICH IS THE WEED ABATEMENT. AND I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THAT
18 BECAUSE IN THE ACORN, "AGOURA ACORN," THERE WAS AN ARTICLE ON
19 THE SIXTH OF DECEMBER ABOUT THE AILANTHUS ALTISSIMA BEING
20 WEEDS AND THEY SHOULD BE CONTROLLED. AND ALL OF THOSE THAT I
21 KNOW WERE PLANTED BY THE COUNTY WHEN MULHOLLAND HIGHWAY WAS
22 PUT THROUGH. THERE WAS NO AILANTHUS ALTISSIMA IN THE MOUNTAINS
23 BEFORE THAT. AND THEY WERE PLANTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE
24 MULHOLLAND HIGHWAY GOING THROUGH. SO THE TWO THINGS I HAVE,
25 NUMBER 28 AND NO. 40.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM, YOU'RE ONLY PERMITTED TO
3 SPEAK TO ITEM NO. 28, WHICH IS THE NUMBER FOR WHICH YOU SIGNED
4 UP.

5

6 **ROBIN MITCHELL:** I SUBMITTED BOTH.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. PROCEED.
9 THANK YOU.

10

11 **ROBIN MITCHELL:** SO THE AILANTHUS ALTISSIMA WAS NO. 28 AND I
12 DIDN'T KNOW WHICH ONE I WAS ASKED TO TALK ABOUT THIS TIME.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** 28 IS THE ONLY ITEM YOU'RE
15 PERMITTED TO SPEAK ON AT THIS TIME. YOU HAVE TO COME BACK FOR
16 THE NEXT ONE.

17

18 **ROBIN MITCHELL:** FINE. SO BASICALLY THAT IS IT.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **ROBIN MITCHELL:** I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHETHER THAT IS PART OF
23 THE PROCESS ON THE WEED CONTROL. AND IF IT IS THEN I THINK THE
24 COUNTY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REMOVING THEM. AND THANK YOU VERY
25 MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
3 TESTIMONY.

4

5 **ROBIN MITCHELL:** I DIDN'T KNOW WHICH ONE IT WAS. I'M SORRY. I
6 DIDN'T KNOW WHICH OF THE TWO --

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S OKAY. WE'RE IN ORDER.
9 PLEASE PROCEED TO THE NEXT SPEAKER.

10

11 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** WHAT ITEMS ARE WE ALLOWED TO SPEAK ON?

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THE ITEMS FOR WHICH YOU SIGNED
14 ONLY. 12 AND 30 IN YOUR CASE.

15

16 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** ITEM NO. 30. NO MONEY TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM
17 SERVICES AND SUPPLIES TO REIMBURSE THE SHERIFF'S BOGUS SPECIAL
18 APPROPRIATION FUND UNTIL YOU CLEAR THE COUNTY SHERIFF'S
19 WRECKAGE BY DOING YOUR ETHICAL, MORAL AND LEGALLY MANDATED
20 JOBS. AND THAT IS TO FIRE, ARREST AND DEPORT ALL EAST LOS
21 ANGELES DIRTY RACIST, ROGUE LATINO, HISPANIC AND -- CHANGO
22 GANG BANGERS IN UNIFORM. THESE CHANGO GANG BANGERS ARE
23 PATHOLOGICAL, PERJURIOUS BULLDOG DEPUTIES AND THEY ARE THE
24 FOLLOWING: PEDRO MEJILLA, DANIEL LOPEZ, GEORGE BURNAL, HENRY
25 ROMERO, HECTOR ANDUJO, JAY MURILLO, LOMELLI, CRUZ, SPEARS,



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1 AGUIRRE, DURAN, VALENCIA, GONZALES, MALANDRINO, PACHECO,
2 FEMALE FARIAS, FEMALE SANDOVAL, FEMALE PARRA, DISPATCHERS ET
3 AL. THE AFOREMENTIONED EVIL HOMICIDAL MANIACS AND MENTALLY
4 TWISTED CRIMINAL DEVIANTS IN UNIFORM HAVE ENGAGED IN CHANGO
5 MONOPOLIES AND CHANGE FEDERAL RACKETEERING UNDER THE RICO ACT
6 ALONG WITH OTHER EGREGIOUS CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY. INCLUDING
7 AGAINST MILITARY VETERANS AND HOMELESS MILITARY VETERANS. ALL
8 PILOTS. LEGAL LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS AND AGAINST MYSELF. THE
9 CRIMINAL LAUNDRY LIST OF MAYHEM COMMITTED BY THESE LATINO
10 HISPANIC AND GABACHO COUNTY CHANGO GANG BANGERS IN UNIFORM ARE
11 BLATANT DISCRIMINATION AND OVERT RACISM, ASSAULT AND BATTERY,
12 DENIAL OF THE RIGHT TO OWN AND ENJOY ONE'S OWN PERSONAL AND
13 REAL PROPERTY. FALSE IMPRISONMENT, PHYSICAL AND VERBAL
14 THREATS, GANG AFFILIATIONS WITH DOMESTIC TERRORIST THREATS.
15 CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT, EXTORTION, BRIBERY, FRAUD,
16 CORRUPTION, TAMPERING WITH EVIDENCE, DESTRUCTION OF EVIDENCE,
17 CRIMINAL HARASSMENT, CRIMINAL STALKING, BULLYING, FEAR AND
18 INTIMIDATION, DENIAL OF DUE PROCESS RIGHTS, DENIAL OF EQUAL
19 PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW, I.D. THEFT, CHANGO ORGANIZED CRIME,
20 POSSESSION OF ILLEGAL DRUGS, WEAPONS, AND PARAPHERNALIA,
21 DEPRIVATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS, AND CIVIL
22 RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. CONSPIRACY TO GRAND THEFT. BURGLARY,
23 VANDALISM, GRAFFITI AND PROPERTY DAMAGE. LIBEL, SLANDER AND
24 DEFAMATION. OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE. I.I.E.D. THAT'S
25 INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS. ELICITING FALSE



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1 AND COERCED TESTIMONIES. PHYSICAL AND MENTAL DURESS. JEALOUS
2 AND ENVIOUS THE CHANGO HATE MONGERS, CHANGAS TOO, AIDING AND
3 ABETTING CRIMINAL ILLEGALS CHANGOS AND GANG BANGERS. RECEIVING
4 STOLEN PROPERTY. CREDIT CARD THEFT AND FAILURE TO FULL
5 DISCLOSURE AND TO TRANSPARENCY. THESE REPTILIAN SAVAGES AND
6 RENT-A-COPS NEED TO BE FIRED, ARRESTED WITH NO BACK PAY,
7 CHEMICALLY CASTRATED, AND LAWFULLY DEPORTED. [LAUGHTER.]
8 LAWFULLY DEPORTED. SEND THEM BACK TO WHEREVER THE HELL THEY
9 CAME FROM. AND AGAIN PUBLICIZE THEIR PICTURES AND MUG SHOTS IN
10 EVERY AMERICAN NEWSPAPER. AND AGAIN STRIP THOSE BUTT KISSERS
11 OF AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED.
14 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] ALL RIGHT. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THERE
15 ARE -- MAY I SIMPLY SUGGEST TO YOU THAT THE RULES OF THE BOARD
16 DO NOT PERMIT CLAPPING AS SUCH WHEN SOMEONE SPEAKS. THEIR
17 REMARKS CAN BE ACKNOWLEDGED ONLY QUIETLY IN THE INTEREST OF
18 THE ORDER OF BOARD. WE WOULD HOPE THAT YOU WOULD FIND
19 YOURSELVES COMFORTABLE ENOUGH WITH THAT SO THAT WE CAN PROCEED
20 IN THAT MANNER. I REPEAT. THE RULES OF THE BOARD DO NOT
21 PERMIT, UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES, CLAPPING WHEN THERE IS
22 TESTIMONY AT PUBLIC COMMENT. DR. CLAVREUL.

23

24 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.
25 ON ITEM NO. 3, I THINK THAT'S A VERY GOOD IDEA TO ASK A REPORT



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1 IN 45 DAYS. BUT I AM PRETTY SURE YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GET
2 THAT REPORT BECAUSE AS WE SPEAK TODAY, WHAT HARBOR, U.C.L.A.,
3 U.S.C., AND SO ON HAVE ACUTE PROBLEMS ON HOW THEY DEAL WITH
4 PATIENT CARE AND SO ON. YOUR OWN COMMISSION ON THE HOSPITAL
5 GAVE A DAMNING REPORT ON HARBOR U.C.L.A. AND RANCHO LOS
6 AMIGOS. SO I THINK WE ARE CERTAINLY NOT PREPARED TO DEAL WITH
7 A.C.A. AND ANYTHING LIKE THAT. SO I HOPE YOU WILL GET SOME TOP
8 PEOPLE ON YOUR TEAM TO MAKE YOU ABLE TO HANDLE IT BECAUSE IT
9 IS GOING TO BE VERY, VERY COSTLY. AND A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE
10 GOING TO FALL DOWN THE CRACK AND NOT GETTING THE CARE THEY ARE
11 REQUIRED. ON ITEM NO. 9, MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS AND M.L.K. MED
12 CENTER CAMPUS MASTER, THE INFORMATION YOU GIVE IS CERTAINLY
13 NOT AS IN DEPTH THAT I WOULD LOVE TO BE. I REQUESTED UNDER THE
14 REQUEST OF INFORMATION ACT TO GET THE INFORMATION WHERE OUR
15 \$30 MILLION WENT. THAT WAS ON APRIL 17 YOU AGREED THAT WE HAD
16 ALREADY GAVE \$30 MILLION TO M.L.K. HEALTH FOUNDATION. I STILL
17 DON'T KNOW WHERE THAT MONEY WENT. I SURELY WOULD LOVE TO KNOW
18 ABOUT IT. IT'S KIND OF SUBSTANTIAL THAT THE KIND OF
19 INFORMATION THEY GAVE YOU DO NOT EXPLAIN WHERE THAT MONEY
20 WENT. THEY GAVE TWO SO-CALLED BUDGET. AND ONE OF THEM, AND
21 THEY ARE LIKE 30-DAY APART. ONE OF THEM IS FOR \$20 MILLION
22 WHERE \$659,000 TO THE CONSULTANT. LEGAL FEE 660,000. IT'S
23 UNBELIEVABLE. AND THE OTHER ONE IS VERY SIMILAR TO THAT. I
24 THINK WE NEED TO KNOW WHERE THAT MONEY IS GOING. AND FOR THE
25 ITEM 19, I EXPRESSED MY OPINION LAST WEEK. I FEEL THAT THE



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1 RAND FOUNDATION ORGANIZATION GAVE A FALSE REPORT VIS-A-VIS THE
2 MARIJUANA POT DISPENSARIES. THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO PUT A
3 RETRACTION. THEY STILL DON'T HAVE A RETRACTION ON THEIR -- I
4 MEAN THEY PUT THE RETRACTION BUT DID NOT PUT THE SPECIFICS.
5 AND FOR ITEM 31, 32, 33 AND 34, THOSE ITEMS ARE CONTINUED AND
6 I THINK IT'S A SHAME THAT THOSE ITEMS, ARE CONTINUED BECAUSE
7 THEY ALL DEAL WITH POOR CARE GIVEN TO INDIVIDUALS AS WELL AS
8 ONE DEATH. AND I THINK THOSE PEOPLE ARE ENTITLED TO BE PAID.
9 AND I THINK THE SOONER THE BETTER. I THINK THAT NOT ONLY THEIR
10 LOVED ONE RECEIVED POOR CARE BUT NOW YOU DON'T EVEN WANT TO
11 GIVE THE MONEY THAT YOU HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
14 TESTIMONY. WE WILL NOW PROCEED TO THE FINAL TWO SPEAKERS WHO
15 ARE ARNOLD SACHS AND SAMANTHA AZULAY. PLEASE.

16

17 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. THAT'S
18 QUITE A RESPONSE TO HER REMARKS, THOSE CLAPS. USUALLY SHE
19 DOESN'T GET THAT MUCH FROM YOU. I HELD ITEM NO. 7 REGARDING
20 THE M.L.K. HOSPITAL PLAN ONLY BECAUSE IT MENTIONED IN PART 5
21 M.T.A PLANS FOR ROSA PARKS STATION. THE STATION'S LIKE 20
22 YEARS OLD, 1990, BLUE LINE WAS OPENED. SO YOU HAVE A 20-YEAR
23 PLAN HERE FOR THE OVERLAPPING AREA. WHEN DO YOU EXPECT TO TAKE
24 ANY ACTIONS ON THE ROSA PARKS STATION? DOES M.T.A. PLAN ON
25 DOING ANYTHING LIKE THAT BEFORE IT'S TOTALLY OBSOLETE? I HELD



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1 ITEM NO. 10. I WAS JUST WONDERING IS THERE A MAP SOMEWHERE OF
2 THE NUMBER OF OVERLAPPING DISTRICTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY THAT
3 OVERLAP OTHER DISTRICTS SO THAT PEOPLE CAN GET AN IDEA OF JUST
4 HOW MUCH OVERLAPPING THEY'RE RESPONSIBLE TO BE RESPONSIBLE
5 FOR? I HELD ITEM 17 REGARDING A PROPERTY TAX OVERPAYMENT. SO I
6 WAS WONDERING, BECAUSE I WORK FOR THE COMPANY THAT OWNS SOME
7 PROPERTY ON THE AGREED-UPON GOLD LINE EXTENSION, I ACTUALLY
8 WORK FOR THE L.A. TO PASADENA BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION
9 AUTHORITY. AND THEY WERE TOLD TO SEND ANY TAX PAYMENTS TO AN
10 OFFICE ON FIGUEROA. SO WOULD THEY HAVE TO CHECK WITH THE
11 ASSESSOR'S OFFICE TO FIND OUT IF THEY HAVE ANY MONEY
12 AVAILABLE? I HELD ITEM 19. IT'S A SOLE-SOURCE AGREEMENT. AND
13 I'M WONDERING: HAVE YOU GOTTEN INTO MORE SOLE-SOURCE
14 AGREEMENTS EVER SINCE YOU SUSPENDED YOUR BIDDING PROCESS BACK
15 IN NOVEMBER OF 2008? I HELD ITEM 38. IT MENTIONS SOMETHING.
16 AND I BRING IT UP. METRO HAS ON THEIR MEETING FOR JANUARY A
17 DISCUSSION ABOUT BUDGET PLANNING PARAMETERS. AND SINCE YOU ALL
18 SIT ON THE METRO BOARD, I WAS WONDERING JUST WHAT THE
19 EXTENSION OF THOSE PARAMETERS ARE. IS IT LIKE MEASURE R, WHERE
20 THE CLAIM WAS THAT YOU'D BE RAISING \$40 BILLION IN 30 YEARS,
21 ABOUT \$1.3 BILLION -- ABOUT \$1,333,000,000 EVERY YEAR FOR THE
22 NEXT 30 YEARS BUT YOU'RE ONLY STARTING OUT WITH LIKE 650,000?
23 SO FOR THE LAST PROGRESSIVE FOUR YEARS YOU'VE BEEN ALMOST
24 \$700,000 IN THE HOLE AS FAR AS REVENUE FOR MEASURE R? OR IS IT
25 THE OTHER END OF THE PARAMETER WHERE YOU MAKE STUFF UP LIKE



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1 THIS L.A. TO PASADENA BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY THAT
2 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH MADE A MOTION FOR REGARDING BACK IN
3 AUGUST 25 OF 2005. SO WHAT ARE THE PARAMETERS AND WHAT ARE THE
4 EDGES THAT WE GET TO HEAR FROM THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS?

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. SACHS. YOUR TIME
7 IS EXPIRED. THERE WAS ONE OTHER PERSON WISHING TO BE HEARD ON
8 THIS ITEM. THAT WOULD BE SAMANTHA AZULAY. WE GIVE YOU ANOTHER
9 OPPORTUNITY BY WAY OF ACKNOWLEDGING YOUR REQUEST. SEEING NO
10 ONE AT THIS POINT, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS MATTER OR THESE
11 ITEMS IS NOW CLOSED.

12

13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE
14 BOARD, CAN I --

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** ITEM NO. 3? SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAS REQUESTED MY
17 MOTION TO BE PART OF THE A.C.A., MR. KATZ'S REPORT. SO I'LL
18 PUT THAT -- MOVE ITEM NO. 3 TO THAT CONVERSATION WITH DR.
19 KATZ.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. AT THE REQUEST OF THE
22 MAKER, ARE THERE ANY OTHER ITEMS, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

23

24 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ITEMS. AND
25 THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS. ON ITEM S-1, IT WILL BE CONTINUED TO



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1 JANUARY 22. S-2 WILL BE CONTINUED TO JANUARY 29. ITEM NO. 3,
2 AGAIN SUPERVISOR KNABE AND SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAVE ASKED FOR IT
3 TO BE PRESENTED WITH ITEM NO. 39. NO. 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15,
4 17, 19, 27, 28, 29, 30, ITEM 31 WILL BE CONTINUED TO JANUARY
5 22, ITEM 32 WILL BE CONTINUED TO JANUARY 29. ITEM 23 WILL BE
6 CONTINUED TO JANUARY 29. THOSE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN WE JUST HOLD ITEM 9 ON THE DESK?

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** A REQUEST FOR ITEM 9 TO BE HELD
11 BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. ANY OTHER ITEMS TO BE HELD AT THIS
12 POINT IN TIME?

13

14 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** IF WE COULD GET APPROVAL ON THE
15 ITEMS THAT I JUST CALLED. AND THEN I WANT TO GO BACK TO ITEM
16 NO. 6.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

19

20 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SO RIGHT NOW WE ARE HOLDING ITEM
21 3, 9, 6 AND THEN OUR DISCUSSION ITEMS.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THOSE ITEMS WILL BE
24 HELD PURSUANT TO THE REQUEST OF THE RESPECTIVE SUPERVISORS.
25 THE BALANCE OF THE ITEMS THAT ARE BEFORE US, SUPERVISOR MOLINA



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1 MOVES. SUPERVISOR KNABE SECONDS. IF THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS,
2 THEN PLEASE RECORD A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

3

4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ON ITEM NO. 6, THIS IS SUPERVISOR
5 ANTONOVICH'S MOTION. AND HE WOULD JUST LIKE TO MAKE A VERY
6 BRIEF AMENDMENT TO ADD IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND
7 FAMILY SERVICES AND PROBATION TO THE INSTRUCTION. IF I COULD
8 GET A MOTION?

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR --

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** I WILL WITHDRAW MY HOLD BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT I
13 WANTED TO DO. SO I'LL SECOND THE AMENDMENT.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THE MOVE BY SUPERVISOR
16 ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. AND IF THERE ARE NO
17 OBJECTIONS, WE WILL ADOPT THE ITEM AS AMENDED. SO ORDERED.

18

19 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** AND THAT LEADS TO IF YOU WOULD
20 LIKE TO START THE SET MATTER?

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

23

24 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** OR WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO
25 ADJOURNMENTS VERY QUICKLY?



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, I THINK WE SHOULD PROCEED

3 AS THE AGENDA SUGGESTS, THAT WE PROCEED TO ITEM NO. 40. WE

4 HAVE SEVERAL PERSONS WHO ARE HERE. LET ME JUST SIMPLY INDICATE

5 HOW WE WILL PROCEED. THE FIRST REQUEST THAT THE CHAIR WILL

6 MAKE IS TO HAVE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS COME FORWARD

7 FOR A BRIEF PRESENTATION. AND THEY SHOULD DO SO AT THIS TIME.

8 PURSUANT TO THAT, WE'LL HAVE COUNTY COUNSEL BRIEFLY OPINE ON

9 THE IMPACTS OF LAST WEEK'S SUPREME COURT RULING FOR THE

10 BENEFIT OF ALL OF US IN TERMS OF ITS RELATION TO CLEAN WATER,

11 CLEAN BEACHES INITIATIVE. AND WE WILL THEN MOVE TO THE

12 HEARING. MAY I INDICATE THAT STAFF HAS SUGGESTED THAT THERE

13 ARE 200 PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD. AND THOSE OF YOU WHO WISH

14 TO WAIVE THAT OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD, WE WILL NOT STRENUOUSLY

15 OBJECT TO YOUR DOING SO. [LAUGHTER.] BUT LET ME SUGGEST YOU DO

16 HAVE A RIGHT TO BE HEARD, AND WE WILL ACCOMMODATE YOU. EACH

17 PERSON WILL HAVE, IN LIGHT OF THE VOLUME OF INDIVIDUALS

18 WISHING TO BE HEARD, EACH PERSON WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE TO

19 SPEAK. I MEAN, IF THAT WERE TO BE THE CASE, WE HAVE WHAT'S IN

20 FRONT OF US, ESSENTIALLY A THREE-HOUR HEARING. AFTER HAVING

21 HEARD FROM EVERYONE, WE WILL CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. AND

22 THEN WE WILL HAVE THE APPROPRIATE DELIBERATION AMONG MEMBERS

23 OF THE BOARD AND GIVE OUR DIRECTIVES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF

24 PUBLIC WORKS. WITH THAT HAVING BEEN SAID, I'M NOW GOING TO



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1 MOVE TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE FORMALITY THAT IS
2 APPROPRIATE FOR THIS ITEM.

3

4 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. SO ALL
5 THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD ON THIS ITEM,
6 PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN. AND
7 THAT ALSO INCLUDES OUR OVERFLOW ROOM. SO IF YOU'RE ALSO
8 ATTENDING AND YOU PLAN ON SPEAKING.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** EVERYONE WISHING TO BE HEARD,
11 YOU HAVE TO STAND AND ELEVATE YOUR RIGHT HAND EVEN IN THE
12 OVERFLOW ROOM. WE'RE WATCHING. MMM. [LAUGHTER.]

13

14 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** WE ARE. OKAY, THANK YOU. IN THE
15 TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY
16 AFFIRM TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE
17 TRUTH SO HELP YOU GOD? THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE'LL
20 PROCEED NOW TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
21 WORKS FOR A BRIEF OVERVIEW AND PRESENTATION. SERGEANT, WE WILL
22 MAKE SURE THAT THE ENTIRE ROOM IS IN ORDER. STAFF ON BOTH
23 SIDES OF THE ROOM, IF YOU WOULD KINDLY -- IF YOU'RE NOT ON A
24 MATTER PERTAINING TO ITEM NO. 4, WE WOULD ASK THAT YOU TAKE



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1 YOUR BUSINESS TO THE REAR OF THE ROOM. SERGEANT, PLEASE
2 FACILITATE THAT IN THE WAY YOU KNOW BEST. MA'AM, SIR?

3

4 **ANGELA GEORGE:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MEMBERS
5 OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS ANGELA GEORGE AND I'M A PRINCIPAL
6 ENGINEER WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
7 WORKS. IN 2008, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT,
8 AT THE DIRECTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, BEGAN PURSUING
9 THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL, SUSTAINABLE FUNDING SOURCE
10 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGN
11 TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY AND REDUCE STORM WATER AND URBAN
12 RUNOFF POLLUTION IN THE NINE WATERSHEDS THAT COMPRISE THE LOS
13 ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT. ON A RELATED NOTE, IN A
14 UNANIMOUS COURT DECISION BY THE UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT,
15 THE COURT AFFIRMED THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT'S POSITION THAT
16 IT IS COLLECTIVELY RESPONSIBLE -- THAT IT IS THE COLLECTIVE
17 RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL MUNICIPALITIES TO IMPROVE STORM WATER
18 QUALITY. THE COURT DECISION SUPPORTS THE DISTRICT'S
19 PERSPECTIVE THAT THE MOST EFFECTIVE APPROACH TO CLEANING UP
20 OUR WATER IS THROUGH A COLLABORATIVE, REGIONAL APPROACH. THIS
21 MEASURE IS DESIGNED TO FUND THIS REGIONAL APPROACH. ASSEMBLY
22 BILL 2554, SPONSORED BY THIS BOARD AND CHAPTERED BY THE
23 GOVERNOR ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2010, PROVIDES THE FOUNDATION FOR
24 THE PROPOSED WATER QUALITY FEE AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT TO
25 LEVY A FEE OR CHARGE TO PAY THE COST OF CARRYING OUT RELATED



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1 PROJECTS AND PROVIDING SERVICES TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY AND
2 REDUCE STORM WATER AND URBAN RUNOFF POLLUTION. PURSUANT TO
3 ASSEMBLY BILL 2554, THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT'S AUTHORITY TO
4 LEVY A FEE IS SUBJECT TO THE APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF
5 PROPOSITION 218, INCLUDING THE REQUIREMENT FOR A NOTICED
6 PROTEST HEARING AND AN ELECTION. AS DIRECTED BY THE BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS AT THE JULY 3, 2012 BOARD MEETING, PUBLIC WORKS
8 INITIATED THE PROCESS TO SET THIS PUBLIC HEARING AS REQUIRED
9 FOR YOUR BOARD'S CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED CLEAN WATER
10 CLEAN BEACHES FEES. TODAY IS THE FIRST OF A TWO-STEP PROCESS
11 REQUIRED BY LAW, WHICH IS FOR THE BOARD TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC
12 HEARING TO CONSIDER PUBLIC TESTIMONY AND RECEIVE PROTESTS FROM
13 PROPERTY OWNERS ABOUT THE PROPOSED FEE. IF NO MAJORITY PROTEST
14 OF PROPERTY OWNERS IS RECEIVED, PUBLIC WORKS PROPOSES TO
15 RETURN TO YOUR BOARD AT A LATER DATE WITH A RECOMMENDATION ON
16 THE SECOND STEP OF THE PROCESS, WHICH WOULD BE FOR THE BOARD
17 TO AUTHORIZE AND CONDUCT AN ELECTION. IN PREPARATION FOR THIS
18 PUBLIC HEARING, A DETAILED ENGINEER'S REPORT WAS PREPARED
19 DESCRIBING THE FEE METHODOLOGY AND CALCULATING THE PROPOSED
20 FEE FOR EACH PARCEL SUBJECT TO THE FEES. THE ENGINEER'S REPORT
21 WAS PREPARED BY WILLDAN FINANCIAL WHICH HAS DEMONSTRATED
22 EXPERTISE IN THE FIELD OF PREPARING SUCH A REPORT. AS DETAILED
23 IN THE ENGINEER'S REPORT, THE FEE CALCULATION METHODOLOGY
24 DETERMINES EACH PARCEL'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE PROPERTY-
25 RELATED SERVICE TO BE FUNDED BY THE PROPOSED FEE. THE



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1 CALCULATION TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION THE SIZE OF EACH PARCEL
2 AND ITS ESTIMATED IMPERVIOUS AREA AS DETERMINED BY THE PARCEL
3 LAND USE. THE ENGINEER'S REPORT WAS FILED WITH THE EXECUTIVE
4 OFFICE OF THE BOARD ON NOVEMBER 29, 2012 AND MADE AVAILABLE TO
5 THE PUBLIC VIA A CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES PROGRAM WEBSITE.
6 ALSO IN PREPARATION FOR THIS HEARING AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH
7 THE LAW, A NOTICE OF THE PROPOSED FEE THAT INCLUDED THE DATE
8 AND TIME OF THIS PUBLIC HEARING WAS MAILED TO THE OWNERS OF
9 APPROXIMATELY 2.2 MILLION AFFECTED PARCELS WITHIN THE DISTRICT
10 ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 30, 2012, WHICH IS MORE THAN 45 DAYS
11 BEFORE THIS HEARING. AS REQUIRED BY LAW, EACH NOTICE CONTAINED
12 THE PROPOSED FEE AMOUNT FOR THE SUBJECT PARCEL, A DESCRIPTION
13 OF THE PROGRAM, AND INFORMATION ON HOW TO OBTAIN THE
14 ENGINEER'S REPORT. THE NOTICES INFORMED PARCEL OWNERS THAT IF
15 THEY WANTED TO SUBMIT A PROTEST, THEY COULD MAIL IT TO THE
16 ADDRESS PROVIDED ON THE NOTICE OR BRING IT IN PERSON TO THE
17 EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD PRIOR TO THE CLOSE OF THE PUBLIC
18 HEARING. TO FACILITATE THAT PROCESS, THE DISTRICT INCLUDED A
19 CONVENIENT, STANDARDIZED FORM THAT COULD BE MAILED BY PARCEL
20 OWNERS WHO WISH TO PROTEST. THE DISTRICT IS REQUIRED TO ADHERE
21 TO AND FOLLOW VERY STRICT RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO
22 THE PROPOSED BALLOT MEASURES AND ELECTIONS. IN ADDITION, THE
23 DISTRICT MUST FOLLOW ALL LEGAL REQUIREMENTS REGARDING THE
24 DESIGN AND CONTENT OF ALL MEASURE-RELATED MATERIALS, INCLUDING
25 NOTICES TO PROPERTY OWNERS. THE DISTRICT WORKED CLOSELY WITH



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1 COUNTY COUNSEL TO ENSURE ALL APPLICABLE REGULATIONS WERE MET.
2 THE CLEAN WATER/CLEAN BEACHES WEBSITE, WHICH PROVIDED
3 ADDITIONAL DETAILS ABOUT THE PROPOSED MEASURE IN MULTIPLE
4 LANGUAGES ALLOWED MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SUBMIT QUESTIONS
5 AND INQUIRIES ONLINE AND INCLUDED INFORMATION ON THE TYPES OF
6 PROJECTS THAT COULD BE FUNDED BY THE FEE ALONG WITH ANSWERS TO
7 FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND OTHER RESOURCES. PUBLIC WORKS
8 ALSO ESTABLISHED A TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER AND A FULLY-
9 STAFFED MULTILINGUAL CALL CENTER THAT OPERATED MONDAY THROUGH
10 FRIDAY. THE CALL CENTER PROVIDED PARCEL OWNERS AND MEMBERS OF
11 THE GENERAL PUBLIC WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, TOOK REQUESTS
12 FOR REPLACEMENT PROTEST FORMS, AND RESPONDED TO INQUIRIES
13 ABOUT FEE AMOUNTS. AS OF THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON FRIDAY,
14 JANUARY 11, 2013, THE DISTRICT HAD RESPONDED TO APPROXIMATELY
15 4,500 INQUIRIES RECEIVED THROUGH THE CALL CENTER OR THE
16 WEBSITE AND ISSUED APPROXIMATELY 4,271 REPLACEMENT NOTICES TO
17 PARCEL OWNERS. ALSO IN PREPARATION FOR THIS HEARING AND AS
18 DIRECTED BY THE BOARD, WE HAVE CONDUCTED SIGNIFICANT OUTREACH
19 IN ORDER TO PROACTIVELY ADDRESS THE CONCERNS OF WATER QUALITY
20 STAKEHOLDERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC. THE DISTRICT HAS ACTIVELY
21 ENGAGED WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF PRIVATE INDUSTRY, MUNICIPAL
22 GOVERNMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS,
23 TRADE UNIONS, HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS, AND THE REGULATORY
24 COMMUNITY. THE CONCERNS OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY CENTERED
25 AROUND ITS DESIRE TO INCLUDE A SUNSET CLAUSE IN THE MEASURE,



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1 TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND PROVIDE FINANCIAL INCENTIVES TO PROPERTY
2 OWNERS THAT IMPLEMENT ON-SITE POLLUTION CONTROL MEASURES AND
3 REDUCTION IN THE CAP FOR ADMINISTRATIVE COST. WE EXPECT TO
4 CONTINUE OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH BUSINESS GROUPS AND TO RETURN TO
5 YOUR BOARD AT A LATER DATE WITH A RECOMMENDATION. THE DISTRICT
6 IS ALSO DEVELOPING AN INCENTIVE PROGRAM THAT WILL REWARD
7 PROPERTY OWNERS WITH A FEE REDUCTION OR A REBATE FOR
8 IMPLEMENTING WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT MEASURES ON THEIR
9 PROPERTIES. THE DISTRICT HAS ALSO FORMED A COMMITTEE FROM
10 VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS TO DEVELOP PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA,
11 WHICH IS CRITICAL -- WHICH IS A CRITICAL COMPONENT FOR
12 PRIORITIZATION OF REGIONAL PROJECTS IF THE MEASURE PASSES. AS
13 DIRECTED BY THE BOARD, WE HAVE ALSO REACHED OUT TO SCHOOL
14 DISTRICTS DIRECTLY AND THROUGH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE
15 OF EDUCATION. WE ARE COGNIZANT OF THE FINANCIAL IMPACT TO
16 SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THEM AND
17 COUNTY COUNSEL TO DEVELOP OPTIONS THAT WOULD ADDRESS THE NEED
18 TO CLEAN UP POLLUTED STORM WATER AND MINIMIZE THE IMPACT TO
19 PUBLIC SCHOOLS. WE ARE ALSO ENGAGING COMMUNITY-BASED
20 ORGANIZATIONS IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE OUTREACH TO AND
21 PARTICIPATION OF DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES IN THE PLANNING OF
22 REGIONAL WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS. THE DISTRICT
23 WISHES TO EXPRESS ITS GRATITUDE TO ALL THE AGENCIES AND
24 INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE LEANT THEIR TIME AND EXPERTISE TO PROVIDE
25 US WITH INPUT ON THE PROPOSED MEASURE. IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN



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1 THE INTEGRITY OF THE PROTEST PROCESS, THE ELECTION FIRM K. &
2 H. PRINTING WAS PROCURED TO CONDUCT THE PRINTING OF THE
3 NOTICES AND TO INDEPENDENTLY RECEIVE AND TALLY THE PROTESTS.
4 PUBLIC WORKS RECEIVED SEVERAL INQUIRIES REGARDING ACCEPTING
5 PROTESTS VIA EMAIL. HOWEVER, DUE TO CONCERNS WITH DETERMINING
6 THE VALIDITY OF ALL PROTESTS RECEIVED, ONLY WRITTEN PROTESTS
7 MAILED OR HAND DELIVERED TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE, INCLUDING
8 THOSE RECEIVED DURING THIS HEARING, WILL BE COUNTED AS VALID
9 PROTESTS. PARCEL OWNERS THAT MADE THE INQUIRIES ABOUT
10 PROTESTING VIA EMAIL WERE PROVIDED INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO
11 RETURN THEIR PAPER PROTESTS. AS OF THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON
12 FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2013, K.& H. PRINTING REPORTED THAT
13 APPROXIMATELY 95,000 WRITTEN PROTESTS HAD BEEN RECEIVED. THIS
14 IS EQUIVALENT TO 4.3 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL OUTSTANDING PARCELS
15 SUBJECT TO THE FEE AND LESS THAN THE 50 PERCENT REQUIRED TO
16 CONSTITUTE A MAJORITY PROTEST IN ORDER NOT TO PROCEED WITH THE
17 SECOND STEP OF THE PROPOSITION 218 PROCESS, WHICH IS A FORMAL
18 ELECTION. IF ANYONE PRESENT TODAY OWNS PROPERTY WITHIN THE
19 DISTRICT BOUNDARIES THAT IS SUBJECT TO THE FEE OR IS AN
20 AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF A PROPERTY OWNER AND WOULD LIKE
21 TO SUBMIT A WRITTEN PROTEST AND HAS NOT ALREADY DONE SO, THE
22 DISTRICT HAS MADE PROTEST FORMS AVAILABLE AT THE ENTRANCE TO
23 THE BOARD HEARING ROOM. PROTESTS SHOULD INCLUDE THE PROPERTY
24 ADDRESS AND ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER AND SHOULD BE SUBMITTED IN
25 ONE OF THE DROP BOXES NEXT TO THE TABLE BEFORE THE CLOSE OF



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1 THE PUBLIC HEARING. SUBSEQUENT TO THE CLOSE OF THE PUBLIC
2 HEARING AND UPON VALIDATION OF THE PROTESTS RECEIVED, AN
3 OFFICIAL FINAL TABULATION WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE BOARD
4 INCLUDING ALL OF THE WRITTEN PROTESTS THAT ARE PRESENTED AT
5 THE HEARING. PURSUANT TO PROP 218, IF A MAJORITY OF PROPERTY
6 OWNERS DO NOT SUBMIT WRITTEN PROTESTS BY THE CLOSE OF THE
7 HEARING, THE BOARD MAY PROCEED TO THE NEXT STEP IN THIS
8 PROCESS, WHICH IS AN ELECTION. THE DISTRICT REQUESTS TO RETURN
9 TO THE BOARD IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS TO REPORT ON THE FINAL
10 TABULATION OF THE PROTESTS, RECOMMEND A TYPE OF ELECTION AND
11 ELECTION PROCEDURES AND ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON
12 FURTHER INPUT FROM STAKEHOLDERS. WITH ME HERE TODAY ARE
13 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WORKS TEAM WHO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE
14 MEASURE. WE ARE ALL AVAILABLE TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS AND
15 PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION. THANK YOU.

16
17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ARE THERE
18 ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT AT THIS POINT? WE
19 THEN TURN TO COUNTY COUNSEL FOR YOUR OVERVIEW WITH RESPECT TO
20 THE RECENT COURT RULING.

21
22 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** SUPERVISORS, THE PROPOSED PROPERTY-
23 RELATED SERVICE FEE IS BEING PROPOSED PURSUANT TO PROP 218.
24 AND THE PROCESS FOR APPROVAL UNDER PROP 218 IS A TWO-STEP
25 PROCESS. THIS BEING THE PROTEST PROCEEDING IS THE FIRST STEP



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1 IN THE PROCESS. PROP 218 REQUIRES A PROTEST HEARING WITH
2 NOTICE OF NOT LESS THAN 45 DAYS. AND FOR YOUR BOARD TO
3 CONSIDER PROTESTS RECEIVED UP TO AND INCLUDING THE CLOSE OF
4 THE HEARING. THE PROTESTS TO BE TABULATED MUST BE WRITTEN
5 PROTESTS. THE SECOND PART OF THE PROP 218 PROCESS, IF THERE IS
6 NO MAJORITY PROTEST, IS AN ELECTION WHICH WOULD BE CALLED BY
7 YOUR BOARD AND CAN BE EITHER A PROPERTY OWNER ELECTION OR A
8 VOTE OF THE ELECTORATE. THE PROPERTY OWNER ELECTION WOULD BE A
9 MAJORITY APPROVAL. THE VOTE BY REGISTERED VOTERS WOULD BE A
10 TWO-THIRDS REQUIREMENT.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COULD WE ASK THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS A
17 FEW QUESTIONS AND ALSO OUR C.E.O.?

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NOW, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WHAT
20 IS YOUR PLEASURE AS TO HOW WE PROCEED? I'VE SPECIFIED THAT WE
21 WOULD HEAR FROM PUBLIC WORKS, THEN COUNTY COUNSEL AS WE'VE
22 ALREADY DONE, THEN MOVE TO THE PUBLIC HEARING. SUPERVISOR
23 ANTONOVICH, YOU WISH TO BE HEARD PRIOR TO HEARING FROM THE
24 PUBLIC? MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, WHAT IS YOUR PLEASURE?

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I HAVE A LOT OF QUESTIONS MYSELF, BUT I WAS
2 GOING TO DEFER UNTIL AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING IN DEFERENCE TO
3 THE PEOPLE WHO ARE HERE.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR PLEASURE, SUPERVISOR?

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S FINE. BUT LET ME JUST SAY, THEN, FOR
8 THE RECORD I HAVE TWO MOTIONS WE'LL PUT IN AFTER PUBLIC
9 TESTIMONY. ONE WOULD BE TO OPPOSE THE FEE. IF THAT FAILED, A
10 SECOND ONE WOULD BE TO USE FUNDS FROM THE REDEVELOPMENT
11 FUNDING THAT WE'LL BE RECEIVING. AND ALSO THE FUNDS FROM THE
12 COUNTY'S FLOOD CONTROL BUDGET, WHICH THEY HAVE A SURPLUS AND
13 OTHER COUNTY FUNDS THAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE. SO THAT WOULD BE
14 THE SECOND MOTION THAT WOULD BE INTRODUCED IF THE FIRST ONE TO
15 OPPOSE THE TAX FAILED.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** I HAVE A MOTION, AS WELL, TOO, BUT I'LL WAIT.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.
20 THERE WILL BE A NUMBER OF MOTIONS. AND THEY WILL FOLLOW YOUR
21 TESTIMONY AND FOLLOW THE EXCHANGE WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE
22 BOARD AND THE APPROPRIATE STAFF MEMBERS. AND SO LET'S BEGIN
23 WITH THE BUSINESS AT HAND WHICH IS TO HEAR FROM THOSE WHO ARE
24 HERE TO TESTIFY. WE'RE GOING TO PROCEED WITH THE ELECTED
25 OFFICIALS IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER. NOW WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME,



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1 PLEASE COME FORWARD. YOU HAVE ONE MOMENT TO BE HEARD. WE ASK
2 THAT YOU GOVERN YOURSELF BY THE RULE OF THE BOARD. ROBERT
3 KELLAR, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA. JESS TALAMONTES,
4 PLEASE COME FORWARD. MARGARET CLARK. EMILY GABEL, THE THREE OF
5 YOU, FOUR OF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD, THAT WOULD BE
6 APPRECIATED. AND IF YOU CAN MOVE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, THAT
7 WOULD BE HELPFUL. THEN HILDA RODRIGUEZ, TIMBEN BOYDSTON,
8 SKYLAR PEAK, IF YOU WOULD BE READY TO BECOME. AS YOU SPEAK,
9 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE RELINQUISH YOUR SEAT TO THE NEXT
10 PERSON TO THE NEXT PERSON WHOSE NAME I CALLED, PLEASE COME
11 TAKE THE SEAT SO THAT WE CAN MOVE SMOOTHLY. ALL RIGHT. THE
12 FIRST SPEAKER IS, MR. MAYOR, THE FLOOR IS YOURS FOR ONE
13 MINUTE.

14

15 **ROBERT KELLAR:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-THOMAS AND
16 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I AM BOB KELLAR, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF
17 SANTA CLARITA. I'M HERE TO REGISTER THE CITY OF SANTA
18 CLARITA'S PROTEST REGARDING A PROPOSED L.A. COUNTY FLOOD
19 CONTROL DISTRICT CLEAN WATER/CLEAN BEACHES FEE. THE OFFICIAL
20 PROTEST FORMS RELATED TO PARCELS OWNED BY THE CITY OF SANTA
21 CLARITA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$461,491 HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED. IN 1995
22 THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA IMPLEMENTED A STORM WATER UTILITY
23 FEE TO HELP THE CITY COMPLY WITH STORM WATER REQUIREMENTS.
24 WITH THE CITY FEE, WE HAVE COLLECTED MILLIONS OF POUNDS OF
25 TRASH, INSTALLED HUNDREDS OF TREATMENT DEVICES AND PERFORMED



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1 THOUSANDS OF INSPECTIONS. ON JANUARY 8, 2013, SANTA CLARITA
2 CITY COUNCIL VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO PROTEST THE CLEAN WATER
3 CLEAN BEACHES MEASURE. THE PROPOSED COUNTY-WIDE FEE REPRESENTS
4 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS DIRECTLY OUT OF THE POCKETS OF SANTA
5 CLARITA RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES TO PAY FOR STORM WATER
6 PROGRAMS THEY ARE ALREADY PAYING FOR. LOCAL BUSINESSES IN
7 SANTA CLARITA WILL BE FORCE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN CREATING NEW
8 JOBS AND PAYING A SECOND TIME FOR STORM WATER POLLUTION FEES.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

11

12 **ROBERT KELLAR:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
15 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16

17 **EMILY GABEL:** CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-THOMAS, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
18 EMILY GABEL-LUDDY, I'M VICE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BURBANK AND
19 I'VE HAD THE HONOR IN THE PAST TO WORK WITH SEVERAL OF YOU
20 OVER IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. WE ARE IN BURBANK COMMITTED
21 TO ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP. WE KNOW THAT THERE'S GOING TO
22 TAKE A LARGE INFUSION OF RESOURCES TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF
23 CLEAN WATER AND CLEAN BEACHES. HOWEVER WE THE CITY OF BURBANK
24 REMAIN OPPOSE TO THIS FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS. FIRST, THE
25 IMPACT ON SCHOOLS. OUR BURBANK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT



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1 ESTIMATES THAT IT WILL COST TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TO
2 PAY THE FEE BASED ON THEIR PROPERTY OWNERSHIP. AND WE THINK
3 THIS IS MONEY DIVERTED AWAY FROM PUBLIC EDUCATION. SECONDLY,
4 THE TIMING COULD NOT BE WORSE FOR PUTTING THIS KIND OF PARCEL
5 TAX ON THE BALLOT. WE JUST VOTED IN NOVEMBER OF 2012 TO
6 SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS THROUGH PROPOSITION 30 IN THE STATE OF
7 CALIFORNIA. SO ON THE ONE HAND, WE ARE ADDING THINGS, ON THE
8 SECONDHAND WE ARE TAKING IT AWAY AGAIN.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM, I'M SORRY, BUT YOUR TIME
11 HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR COOPERATION. MA'AM,
12 PLEASE PROCEED.

13

14 **MARGARET CLARK:** MARGARET CLARK, COUNCIL MEMBER IN THE CITY OF
15 ROSEMEAD, AND OUR CITY DID ALSO TAKE A POSITION OF OPPOSED. WE
16 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE NEED THE MONEY. THIS IS AN UNFUNDED
17 MANDATE. THERE ARE SOME, I BELIEVE, 92 THINGS WE HAVE TO GET
18 OUT OF THE STORM WATER, BUT THIS IS NOT THE RIGHT APPROACH
19 BECAUSE OF WE BELIEVE WE NEED TO TAKE A COMPREHENSIVE
20 APPROACH. IT'S WONDERFUL TO BE ABLE TO RETAIN WATER ON SITE,
21 AND THAT WILL HELP OUR WATER SUPPLY. BUT IT NOT TAKE ALL THE
22 POLLUTANTS OUT WHEN SOMEONE EITHER THROUGH IGNORANCE OR MALICE
23 PUTS FLUIDS, THE WRONG FLUIDS IN. I ALSO HAVE A REAL PROBLEM
24 WITH THE DECEPTIVE WAY -- AND I UNDERSTAND THAT THE
25 SUPERVISORS DID NOT SEE THIS WHEN IT WENT OUT -- BUT TO SAY



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1 THAT THIS IS NOTIFYING THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF A PUBLIC
2 HEARING, MOST PEOPLE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT A PUBLIC HEARING IS.
3 IT CAME DURING CHRISTMAS. BUT WE NEED AN APPEAL PROCESS. MY
4 CHURCH, FOR EXAMPLE, WILL PAY ALMOST \$3,000. WE HAVE A HUGE,
5 IT BECOMES A LAKE WHEN IT RAINS. I CALLED THE CITY TO SEE IF
6 WE GET CREDIT FOR THAT. THEY SAID NO.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MADAM COUNCIL MEMBER, YOUR TIME
9 HAS EXPIRED. WE APPRECIATE YOUR TESTIMONY VERY MUCH AND YOUR
10 COOPERATION. NEXT SPEAKERS, PLEASE?

11

12 **JESS TALAMANTES:** JESS TALAMANTES, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER, CITY OF
13 BURBANK.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES, SIR.

16

17 **JESS TALAMANTES:** MR. CHAIRMAN, BOARD MEMBERS, I'M HERE
18 REPRESENTING MY CITY COUNCIL TO VOICE OUR OPPOSITION TO THE
19 AGENDA ITEM NO. 40 AS PROPOSED. WE FEEL THIS CURRENT PROPOSAL
20 WOULD BE A GREAT FINANCIAL BURDEN TO OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT AND
21 ALL THE SCHOOL KIDS IN OUR GREAT CITY. THE COUNTY NEEDS TO GO
22 BACK, RETHINK THIS MEASURE AND RETHINK HOW IT CAN REDUCE THE
23 FINANCIAL IMPACTS ON SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CITIES' GENERAL
24 FUNDS. WHILE WE REMAIN SUPPORTIVE OF CLEAN WATER AND CLEAN



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1 BEACHES, THE CITY OF BURBANK CANNOT SUPPORT THIS MEASURE.

2 THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,
5 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. SIR?

6

7 **LOU LA MONTE:** MORNING, MY NAME IS LOU LA MONTE. I'M THE MAYOR
8 OF MALIBU. I'M HERE TO REAFFIRM OUR CITY COUNCIL'S SUPPORT OF
9 PLACING THE CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES INITIATIVE ON THE
10 BALLOT AND TO URGE YOU ONCE THE PROTEST HEARING IS CLOSED TO
11 VOTE TO MOVE THIS PROCESS FORWARD SO THAT THE FINAL MEASURE
12 CAN BE WRITTEN, APPROVED AND PUT BEFORE THE VOTERS. THE CITY
13 OF MALIBU IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARD, SUPPORTING LOCAL AND
14 REGIONAL EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE ENVIRONMENT, INCLUDING
15 PROGRAMS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF STORM WATER AND URBAN
16 RUNOFF ALONG THE 27 MILES OF BEACH IN OUR CITY. WE'VE INVESTED
17 OVER \$60 MILLION TO CLEAN STORM WATER BEFORE IT GETS TO THE
18 BEACH. THIS ADDS UP TO ALMOST 50 PERCENT OF OUR ANNUAL CITY
19 BUDGET OVER THE PAST SIX YEARS. NONE OF OUR LOCAL CITIES HAVE
20 ACCESS TO A STABLE, LONG-TERM DEDICATED FUNDING SOURCE THAT
21 CAN PROVIDE A REVENUE STREAM TO FUND PUBLIC INVESTMENT AND
22 WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD
23 CONTROL DISTRICT HAS WORKED COLLABORATIVELY WITH
24 MUNICIPALITIES AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS TO DRAFT AN INITIATIVE
25 THAT WILL CHARGE A FAIR AND REASONABLE SERVICE FEE FOR



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1 CLEANING UP THE POLLUTED STORM WATER THAT COMES FROM EVERY
2 CORNER OF THIS 4,000 SQUARE MILE COUNTY. I TRUST THAT YOUR
3 AFFIRMATIVE VOTE WILL ALLOW FOR WRITING OF THE ORDINANCE --

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

6

7 **LOU LA MONTE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

10 SIR, PLEASE PROCEED. YOUR NAME.

11

12 **SKYLAR PEAK:** HI, MY NAME IS SKYLAR PEAK AND I'M A COUNCIL
13 MEMBER OF THE CITY OF MALIBU. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THE CLEAN
14 WATER AND IMPROVEMENTS FOR OUR WATERSHED. I HOPE THE BALLOT
15 MEASURE REFLECTS THE COMMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE PUBLIC.
16 PLEASE BE HONEST WITH THE PUBLIC AND LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE
17 TODAY. IF YOU ARE CREATING A TAX FOR CLEAN WATER, PLEASE DO SO
18 BY ALLOCATING FUNDS FOR PROGRAMS WITH POSITIVE RESULTS AND NO
19 MORE FAILED LAGOON OR WETLANDS ATTEMPTS. THE TWO-THIRDS VOTE
20 WILL BE DIFFICULT. HOWEVER, I HOPE OUR PEOPLE WILL STAND UP
21 AND SUPPORT CLEAN WATER AND THAT THIS INITIATIVE WILL CONTINUE
22 TO FOCUS ON CLEAN WATER, THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SIR, WE APPRECIATE
25 YOUR TESTIMONY. I NOW CALL FOR DR. SUJA LOWENTHAL FOLLOWED BY



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1 LOU LA MONTE. WE DID HEAR FROM EMILY GABEL, HILDA RODRIGUEZ,
2 TIMBEN BOYDSTON. PLEASE PROCEED. MA'AM.

3

4 **SUJA LOWENTHAL:** SUJA LOWENTHAL, COUNCIL MEMBER, CITY OF LONG
5 BEACH. LONG BEACH IS GROUND ZERO FOR URBAN RUNOFF FROM THE
6 L.A. AND SAN GABRIEL RIVERS. THIS IS A REGIONAL ISSUE THAT
7 KNOWS NO GEOGRAPHICAL OR POLITICAL BOUNDARIES AND THEREFORE
8 REQUIRES A REGIONAL SOLUTION. ON JANUARY 8, MY COLLEAGUES AND
9 I PASSED A MOTION TO SUPPORT THIS MEASURE WITH THE FOLLOWING
10 REQUESTS THAT, ONE, COUNCIL SUPPORT IS CONTINGENT UPON THE
11 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED ORDINANCE PRIOR
12 TO SUBMITTAL OF THE ORDINANCE AS A BALLOT MEASURE. TWO, TO
13 ENSURE THAT CITY'S FUNDS AND PROJECT FUNDS ARE USED DIRECTLY
14 TO FUND CLEAN WATER PROJECTS. THREE, TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATE
15 FUNDING MECHANISM FOR CLEAN WATER PROJECTS IN SCHOOLS AND
16 RESIDENTIAL BUSINESS INCENTIVE PROGRAMS. AND, FOUR, TO PROVIDE
17 THAT THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE INCLUDE A 30-YEAR SUNSET DATE
18 AND/OR STEP-DOWN MECHANISM. I PERSONALLY URGE YOU TO SUPPORT
19 THE STORM WATER ORDINANCE TODAY AND PUT THIS BEFORE PROPERTY
20 OWNERS. THEY DESERVE TO HAVE THE CHANCE TO VOTE ON THIS
21 CRITICAL ISSUE AND TO IMPROVE OUR WATER QUALITY FOR OUR
22 CHILDREN AND GENERATIONS TO COME. THANK YOU.

23



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
2 NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE, AND WE'LL ASK MARSHA MCCLEAN IF SHE WOULD
3 COME FORWARD, AS WELL. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE, PROCEED. MA'AM?

4

5 **DONNA GANNON:** I'M DONNA GANNON, I'M FROM THE CITY OF BELL. WE
6 HAVE A THREE-TIER PAY SITUATION IN OUR WATER COMPANY WHICH IS
7 A REALLY BIG TAX BURDEN ON OUR CITY. AND TO PUT ANOTHER TAX
8 BURDEN ON OUR CITY WOULD BE WAY OVER THE TOP. WE CAN NO LONGER
9 AFFORD TO FUNCTION THAT WAY. WE NEED TO PUT THIS ON THE BALLOT
10 AND LET US VOTE ON IT BECAUSE IT'S OUTRAGEOUS. AND A LOT OF
11 THE PEOPLE HERE ARE NOT WORKING. AND IT'S A FINANCIAL
12 DIFFICULTY FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE IN OUR AREA THAT ARE NOT
13 WORKING.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES, MA'AM.

16

17 **DONNA GANNON:** AND THIS IS THE WRONG TIME TO START TAXING US
18 MORE AND MORE. WE'VE ALREADY PAID 20 PERCENT TAX ON THE WATER
19 COMPANY THAT WE ARE WITH NOW, GOLDEN STATE. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
22 TESTIMONY. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** MA'AM, I'M LISTENING TO WHAT YOU'RE SAYING AND I
25 AGREE THIS IS A TOUGH TIME FOR ALL OF US. ONE OF THE THINGS



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1 THAT IS NOT GOING ON AND EVEN IN THE PRESENTATION THAT WAS
2 PRESENTED EARLIER TODAY, IT IS NOT MAKING CLEAR WHAT THIS
3 PROCESS IS. AND I THINK THAT'S THE UNFORTUNATE PART ABOUT THIS
4 IS THAT THE REALITY IS -- AND I'M NOT SAYING I'M PREPARED TO
5 VOTE FOR THIS AT THIS TIME, BUT SOMEHOW PEOPLE AND THE CITIES
6 ARE NOT UNDERSTANDING THAT THE PENALTIES THAT IF WE DON'T --
7 IF SOMEBODY DOESN'T DO THIS, THE PENALTIES WILL GO TO THE
8 CITIES. AND I'M NOT SURE PEOPLE KNOW. AND I THINK THIS IS ONE
9 OF THE LARGEST PROBLEMS WITH THIS WHOLE ISSUE IS A LACK OF
10 INFORMATION OUT THERE. I KNOW THERE'S BEEN INFORMATION HAS
11 BEEN SENT OUT. I DON'T KNOW IF PEOPLE ARE READING IT. I DON'T
12 KNOW WHAT THE CITIES WANT US TO DO. FOR US IN THE COUNTY,
13 WE'RE TRYING TO PRESENT SUPPOSEDLY A SOLUTION TO THE CITIES.
14 IF WE DON'T DO THIS, IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING, AND MAYBE SOMEBODY
15 CAN CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG, THAT THE CITIES WILL BE FINED NOT
16 BY US BUT BY THE STATE, IS THAT CORRECT?

17

18 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** THAT IS CORRECT.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND SO THE CITIES WILL HAVE TO PAY THOSE FINES
21 UNLESS THEY START PUTTING IN PLACE SOME ACTIVITIES WITH REGARD
22 TO HOW THEY'RE GOING TO CLEAN THE RUNOFF. NOW, A LOT OF US
23 WILL AGREE AND DISAGREE AS TO WHAT IS RUNOFF, IT'S JUST THE
24 STATE IS MANDATING THIS. AND SO WE'RE TRYING TO PRESENT A
25 SOLUTION. AND I'M NOT -- I'M ONLY TRYING TO SAY THAT SOMEWHERE



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1 ALONG THE WAY, I KNOW WE GOT A PRESENTATION, BUT SHE WAS
2 READING. AND EVERYBODY WAS LIKE FALLING ASLEEP AS SHE WAS
3 READING THIS. AND I DON'T THINK IT'S CLEAR WHAT IS GOING TO GO
4 ON. SO I UNDERSTAND THE SITUATION AND WHAT YOU SAID. NOBODY
5 CAN AFFORD TO PAY FOR IT. BUT I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW, AND
6 SOME OF THE MAYORS AND SOME OF THE CITIES CAME UP AND
7 TESTIFIED FOR IT AND AGAINST IT. BUT DO YOU KNOW WHAT IS THE
8 DEADLINE FOR THEM AS FAR AS THE CITY? WHAT CITY ARE YOU IN?

9

10 **DONNA GANNON:** CITY OF BELL.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** CITY OF BELL. OH, BOY THAT'S ALREADY IN TROUBLE.
13 [LAUGHTER.] WELL WAIT JUST A SECOND. I THINK THAT WE NEED TO
14 KNOW. IF IN FACT THERE IS NOT A REMEDY PUT IN PLACE, AND THIS
15 IS WHAT THIS PROPOSAL IS ABOUT, WHEN WILL THE CITIES BE FINED
16 OR BEGIN THE PROCESS? WHEN WILL THE STATE BE FINING THOSE
17 CITIES?

18

19 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** THAT WOULD BE UP TO THE REGIONAL
20 BOARD. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE JUST ENTERED INTO A NEW PERMIT,
21 ALL OF THE CITIES, ALONG WITH THE COUNTY AND THE FLOOD CONTROL
22 DISTRICT ARE PERMITEES UNDER THE PERMIT. AND SO THEY ARE
23 RESPONSIBLE. AND IT WOULD BE EITHER THE REGIONAL BOARD
24 DETERMINING VIOLATIONS OR, YOU KNOW, AS WE HAD WITH THE



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1 N.R.D.C., THIRD PARTIES BRINGING LAWSUITS TO ATTEMPT TO OPPOSE
2 LIABILITY.

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. BUT I JUST THINK THAT SO MANY PEOPLE
5 THAT ARE HERE TODAY DON'T UNDERSTAND THE CONSEQUENCES. I'M NOT
6 SO SURE THIS IS THE SOLUTION, EITHER, OKAY? BUT I'M NOT SO
7 SURE THAT THERE'S A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING. I THINK THIS ONE IS
8 ONE OF THE LEAST INFORMATIVE POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS I'VE EVER
9 BEEN INVOLVED IN. AND WHEN YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT PEOPLE'S
10 PROPERTY TAXES, I JUST THINK IT'S A PAINFUL THING. SO I'M JUST
11 TRYING TO GET THE CLARIFICATION SO THAT YOU KNOW. AND I JUST
12 THINK THERE SHOULD BE MORE INFORMATION OTHER THAN THE
13 STATEMENT THAT WAS WRITTEN ABOUT A PROCESS THAT IS REALLY NOT
14 QUITE CLEAR.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
17 SHE WANTS TO MAKE AN ADDITIONAL COMMENT?

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE ARE MOVING PAST THE POINT OF
20 YOUR TIME, MA'AM. SO IF YOU WOULD HELP US BY WAY OF ALLOWING
21 THE BALANCE OF THE SPEAKERS TO BE HEARD, WE'D BE MOST
22 APPRECIATIVE.

23

24 **DONNA GANNON:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU.

25



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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, MA'AM.

2

3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

4

5 **HILDA RODRIGUEZ:** HI, MY NAME IS HILDA RODRIGUEZ AND I
6 REPRESENT THE CITY OF BELL.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

9

10 **HILDA RODRIGUEZ:** THEY ARE NOT HERE BECAUSE THEY ARE WORKING.
11 THEY NEED TO WORKING FIRST TO MAKE MONEY. WHAT HAPPENED IN MY
12 CITY EVERYBODY KNOW. WE ARE THE CITY THAT PAY 10 PERCENT IN
13 UTILITY BILLS. WE HAVE A COMPANY MORE EXPENSIVE IN ALL LOS
14 ANGELES COUNTY, THAT IS -- I AM NOT AGREE AND I LOVE THIS
15 COUNTRY AND I HAVE CONSIDERED TO CLEAN THE OCEAN. IT'S
16 BEAUTIFUL. I LIKE IT THE BEST. WE NEED TO SAVE THIS COUNTRY.
17 BUT WHEN YOU, MR. THOMAS, CAN AFFORD SOLUTION. I AM RETIRED. I
18 CAN'T AFFORD THAT. I CAN'T AFFORD TO PAY THE WATER BILL 10
19 PERCENT THAT THEY IMPOSE TO US PLUS WE SUPPOSED TO PAY A BOND
20 FOR \$653 IN OUR TAXES BECAUSE THE CITY IMPOSED THAT. PLEASE,
21 PLEASE, I WANT -- BILL. GIVE A CHANCE TO THIS CITY AT LEAST
22 ONE OR TWO YEARS TO SAVE OUR CONDITION BECAUSE THEY NO
23 IMPROVING ANYTHING IN ANYTHING. PLEASE. I DO IT NOT ONLY FOR
24 MY CITY. I ASK YOU FOR THIS COUNTRY THAT WE NEED TO SAVE THIS
25 COUNTRY. WE LOST THIS COUNTRY, WHERE WE GO? NOBODY IS BETTER



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1 THAN UNITED STATES. I AM NOT GRIEVE FOR THIS NOT BECAUSE I NOT
2 CONSIDER IT BEAUTIFUL, IT'S FANTASTIC. BUT WHEN YOU CAN
3 AFFORD, SIR, YOU NEED TO PAY FIRST THE FOOD, THE HOUSE, YOU'RE
4 WORKING ALL YOUR LIFE TO HAVE. AND THIS IS THE REASON I NO
5 AGREE AT THIS MOMENT. AND I CONSIDER ALL OF YOU, THINKING THAT
6 THE CITY OF BELL THAT IS A BIG DISASTER. THANK YOU, SIR.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
9 ALL RIGHT. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. [APPLAUSE.] LADIES AND
10 GENTLEMEN MAY I SIMPLY SAY THAT THE RULES OF THE BOARD DON'T
11 PERMIT APPLAUSE, AS I INDICATED BEFORE UNLESS YOU ARE
12 APPLAUDING THE CHAIR. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [LAUGHTER.]
13 [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?
14 MA'AM? YOUR NAME?

15

16 **CARMEN VILLA:** CARMEN VILLA.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE PROCEED.

19

20 **CARMEN VILLA:** I COME ALSO FROM BELL. AND THEN I AM DISCUSSING
21 BECAUSE I ONLY RECEIVE MY RETIREMENT CHECK. AND MY RETIREMENT
22 CHECK DON'T GO FAR. OUR CITY CHARGE TOO MUCH IN TAXES PLUS THE
23 10 PERCENT OF EVERY REQUIREMENT LIKE WATER AND EVERYTHING.
24 IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR A PERSON TO CONTINUE LIVING LIKE THAT. I
25 WOULD LIKE TO ASK YOU WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO START CHARGING OR



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1 START GIVING TICKETS TO THE PERSON WHO REALLY THREW GARBAGE AT
2 THE RIVER? I THINK THAT'S MORE IMPORTANT. ESPECIALLY WHEN WE
3 DON'T CHECK, YOU DON'T KNOW HOW MANY TIMES I SEE GALLONS OF
4 OIL IN THE GARBAGE, THREW IT THE GARBAGE CAN. WE'RE SUPPOSED
5 TO START GIVING TICKETS TO THE PEOPLE WHO ACTUALLY DO THINGS
6 WRONG, ESPECIALLY FOR THE WATER. I AGREE WITH MISS MOLINA WHAT
7 SHE SAY ABOUT THE CITY. AND I REALLY APPRECIATE HER WHEN SHE
8 COME OUT TO THE CITY. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
11 TESTIMONY. WE APPRECIATE IT. MA'AM, PLEASE PROCEED.

12

13 **MARSHA MCLEAN:** YES, HI, I'M MARSHA MCLEAN, COUNCIL MEMBER FOR
14 THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA. SINCE 1995, OUR HOMEOWNERS IN THE
15 CITY OF SANTA CLARITA AND BUSINESSES HAVE BEEN PAYING A STORM
16 WATER UTILITY FEE TO HELP THE CITY COMPLY WITH STORM WATER
17 REQUIREMENTS. WILL THOSE ENTITIES WHO ALREADY PAY A STORM
18 WATER FEE BE EXEMPT FROM THIS NEW SECOND PROPOSED FEE? I'M
19 ALSO SPEAKING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS WHO ARE ON FIXED INCOME AND
20 WILL BE SERIOUSLY IMPACTED BY MORE FEES TACKED ONTO PROPERTY
21 BILLS. BUSINESSES AND SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN SO IMPACTED BY THE
22 ECONOMIC DOWNTURN AND THIS WILL PLAY MORE HAVOC WITH OUR LIVES
23 JUST AS THERE IS A GLIMMER OF HOPE FOR RECOVERY, HERE COMES
24 ANOTHER FEE. IF YOU DO GO FORWARD WITH THIS PROPOSAL, I
25 REQUEST YOU AT LEAST PUT IT TO A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE ON A



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1 REGULAR BALLOT. IT'S NOT JUST PROPERTY OWNERS THAT WILL BE
2 IMPACTED BUT RENTERS AND SMALL BUSINESSES THAT WILL HAVE THIS
3 COST PASSED ON TO THEM. AT THE VERY LEAST, I REQUEST THAT YOU
4 CONTINUE THIS PROCESS SO THAT AT LEAST ALL PROPERTY OWNERS AND
5 BUSINESSES WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW WHAT'S COMING THAT
6 WILL IMPACT THEM. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
9 TESTIMONY. NEXT PERSON TO BE HEARD. AND THEN I'M GOING TO CALL
10 LARRY FORESTER, IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD, NICK SALERNO, AND
11 MAYOR LAW, MAYNARD LAW. PLEASE COME FORWARD. PLEASE PROCEED,
12 SIR.

13

14 **TIMBEN BOYDSTON:** CHAIRMAN THOMAS AND MEMBERS OF OUR BOARD OF
15 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS TIMBEN BOYDSTON, AND I AM A CITY
16 COUNCILMAN FROM THE CITY OF SANTA CLARITA. I WOULD LIKE TO
17 THANK MR. ANTONOVICH AND MR. KNABE FOR TAKING EXCEPTION TO
18 THIS EGREGIOUS TAX THAT YOU ARE PROPOSING. HOWEVER, I WOULD
19 LIKE TO CONGRATULATE OUR COUNCIL AND OUR AUGUST GROUP OF MEN
20 AND WOMEN HERE. THEY HAVE MANAGED TO DO SOMETHING THAT PEOPLE
21 THOUGHT WAS IMPOSSIBLE, AND THAT WAS, GOD SENDS US RAIN AND
22 YOU FIGURED OUT HOW TO TAX IT. [LAUGHTER.] [APPLAUSE.]

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NOW WAIT A MINUTE. WAIT, WAIT
25 JUST A MINUTE. WAIT A MINUTE HERE. YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY OUT OF



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1 ORDER. AND YOU'RE OUT OF ORDER BECAUSE YOU CANNOT, YOU ARE NOT
2 PERMITTED TO HAVE BETTER LINES THAN ANY MEMBER OF THIS BOARD
3 AND YOU ARE OUT OF ORDER. [LAUGHTER.] PROCEED, SIR.

4

5 **TIMBEN BOYDSTON:** MY APOLOGIES, MR. THOMAS. I HUMBLY BESEECH
6 YOU ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF SANTA CLARITA. WE ALREADY PAY
7 THIS TAX. WE ALREADY PAY THIS TAX. WE ALREADY DO STORM WATER.
8 WE CANNOT TAKE THE DOUBLE TAXATION. AND ON BEHALF OF ALL OF MY
9 FRIENDS IN THE COUNTY, PLEASE, PLEASE VOTE NO ON THIS. AND
10 HAVE A REAL ELECTION. GO AHEAD AND SEND IT OUT TO ALL OF THE
11 PEOPLE AND ASK THEM WHAT THEY THINK. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
14 TESTIMONY. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

15

16 **LARRY FORESTER:** LARRY FORESTER CITY OF SIGNAL HILL. THE CITY
17 OF SIGNAL HILL SUPPORTS THE BOARD MOVING FORWARD TO THE PARCEL
18 OWNER VOTE. WE REQUEST THAT THE BOARD INCLUDE THE FINAL
19 ORDINANCE WITH THE VOTE SO THAT THE PROPERTY OWNERS UNDERSTAND
20 WHAT THEY ARE VOTING FOR. THE BOARD MAY NEED TO CONTINUE
21 TODAY'S VOTE IN ORDER TO COMPLETE YOUR WORK WITH THE
22 STAKEHOLDERS IN ADDRESSING THE CONCERNS WITH A DRAFT
23 ORDINANCE. THIS INCLUDES INCENTIVE PROGRAMS FOR HOMEOWNERS,
24 THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND OTHERS WHO CAPTURE



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1 RUNOFF ON THEIR PARCELS. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND I URGE
2 YOUR SUPPORT.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
5 NEXT SPEAKER?

6

7 **NICK SALERNO:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN THOMAS AND BOARD MEMBERS.
8 MY NAME IS NICK SALERNO, I'M THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE EL
9 MONTE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT. WHILE WE ALL AGREE THAT WE
10 NEED CLEAN WATER, WE ALL WANT THAT FOR OUR CHILDREN THAT WE
11 SERVE AS WELL AS FOR OUR OWN CHILDREN. BUT THERE ARE INHERENT
12 FLAWS IN THE CURRENT PROPOSAL. FIRST, THERE IS NO SUNSET
13 PROVISION FOR THE FEE. NEXT, THERE IS NO EXEMPTION CLAUSE FOR
14 SCHOOLS, SINCE IT'S A FEE AND NOT A TAX. IN ADDITION, MANY OF
15 OUR DISTRICTS, MINE INCLUDED, HAVE ALREADY SPENT LARGE SUMS TO
16 ADDRESS THIS VERY ISSUE WITH NO CREDITS FOR SUCH PREVIOUS
17 EXPENDITURES. THE SO-CALLED PLAN TO SOMEHOW RETURN SOME OF THE
18 FEES TO THE SCHOOLS ARE NEBULOUS AND UNDECIDED. HOMEOWNERS AS
19 WELL AS SCHOOL DISTRICTS SEE THE PROCESS AS EXTREMELY FLAWED
20 AND LACKING TRANSPARENCY. WE NOW HAVE A SUPREME COURT RULING
21 STATING THAT THE COMPLIANCE ROUTE THE REGIONAL BOARD
22 IMPLEMENTED IS FLAWED RELATIVE TO THE NATIONAL POLLUTION
23 DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM. THIS MEANS WE ARE FACING A
24 DECISION TO IMPOSE FEES BASED ON AN INCORRECT AND UNDEFINED
25 COMPLIANCE SYSTEM. THE REGIONAL BOARD CONTINUES TO PUSH



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1 FORWARD TO SUPPORT THE FEES IN SPITE OF THESE ISSUES AND IN
2 THE FACE OF THE SUPREME COURT DECISION. WE ARE ASKING FOR A
3 POSTPONEMENT OF THIS DECISION TO IMPOSE FEES. LET'S WAIT UNTIL
4 THE DECISION BY THE SUPREME COURT HAS BEEN ADDRESSED.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SIR, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

7

8 **NICK SALERNO:** THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
11 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **MAYNARD LAW:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MAYNARD LAW, I'M THE
14 PRESIDENT OF A.B.C. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD. OUR
15 DISTRICT IS ONE OF THE DISTRICTS THAT WOULD SUFFER A GREAT
16 DEAL OF MONETARY LOSS. WE ARE LOOKING AT APPROXIMATELY
17 \$350,000 IF THIS TAX INITIATIVE IS PASSED. CALIFORNIA'S
18 ALREADY RANKED 47TH IN THE NATION IN TERMS OF ITS EDUCATIONAL
19 EXPENDITURES. ANOTHER \$350,000 TO OUR DISTRICT AND \$14 MILLION
20 TO ALL THE DISTRICTS IN L.A. COUNTY IS JUST SOMETHING THAT WE
21 CANNOT PUT UP WITH. WITH THE PASSING OF PROPOSITION 30, THE
22 PUBLIC HAS SPOKEN THAT EDUCATION IS VITALLY IMPORTANT TO ALL
23 OF OUR CITIZENS, AND CONTINUING CUTS TO EDUCATION MUST END.
24 A.B.C. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT STRONGLY OPPOSES THIS WATER
25 INITIATIVE. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
3 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE HAVE QUITE A WAYS TO GO, AND WE WILL
4 CONTINUE WITH THE FOLLOWING NAMES. RONALD ESQUIVEL, JIM NOVAK.
5 SHAWN GATEWOOD. AND LINDA KAMINSKI. IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD
6 IMMEDIATELY, WE WOULD HEAR YOU NOW. AND THEN ADELE ANDRADE-
7 STADLE, IF YOU WOULD BE READY TO COME FORWARD. MARK
8 HANSBERGER. JOEL SHAWN AND FINALLY ELLEN DOUGHERTY. PLEASE
9 PROCEED. SIR?

10

11 **RONALD ESQUIVEL:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME'S RONALD ESQUIVEL,
12 SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FOR THE ROSEMEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT. OUR
13 SCHOOL DISTRICT IS A VERY SMALL DISTRICT. IT'S IN THE SAN
14 GABRIEL VALLEY. WE ONLY HAVE ABOUT 2900 STUDENTS. HOWEVER,
15 THIS TAX TO THE STUDENTS IS \$35,000 THAT WE DON'T HAVE THE
16 MONEY FOR. WE'VE BEEN CUT EVERY WHICH WAY FROM THE STATE AND
17 EVERY OTHER GOVERNMENT. WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF MONEY. WE CAN'T
18 PAY OUR TEACHERS WHAT THEY DESERVE. WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF FUNDS
19 AND THIS IS JUST GOING TO CUT MORE INTO THE KIDS. I UNDERSTAND
20 THAT THERE WAS A COMMENT THAT CITIES DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT'S
21 GOING ON. THE CITIES DO UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON. THEY DO
22 UNDERSTAND THAT THEY ARE GOING TO BE TAXED. THE CITY OF
23 ROSEMEAD SUPPORTED US AND THEY SAID NO. EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE
24 GOING TO BE PENALIZED FOR IT BECAUSE THEY VALUE THAT THE KIDS
25 ARE IMPORTANT. HOW MUCH MORE CAN WE PUT ON THE BACKS OF THE



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1 CHILDREN OF OUR STATE? OUR CHILDREN NEED TO COME FIRST. WE
2 WANT CLEAN WATER, THERE'S GOT TO BE A BETTER WAY. BUT WE NEED
3 TO FIGURE OUT A BETTER WAY TO SUPPORT THE KIDS. YOU SAID YOU
4 GAVE AN AWARD TO THE CHILDREN.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
7 YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
8 THE NEXT SPEAKER IS, SIR?

9

10 **JIM NOVAK:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN AND SUPERVISORS. I'M JIM
11 NOVAK, I'M THE CHIEF BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL OFFICER FOR THE
12 LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS,
13 OUR OPERATING BUDGET HAS BEEN CUT BY OVER \$150 MILLION. WE'VE
14 MADE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF CUTS AND HAVE LOST MANY TEACHERS
15 AND WONDERFUL PROGRAMS AND WE'RE STILL MAKING CUTS TO DEAL
16 WITH THE STRUCTURAL DEFICIT OF OVER \$20 MILLION A YEAR. IF
17 THIS MEASURE IS PASSED, LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
18 WILL LOSE ANOTHER \$700,000 AND WILL HAVE TO MAKE EVEN DEEPER
19 CUTS TO THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AND LOSE MORE TEACHERS.
20 ESPECIALLY AT A TIME WHEN ALL L.A. COUNTY SCHOOLS ARE
21 STRUGGLING WITH BUDGET ISSUES, IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE FOR
22 THIS MEASURE TO INCLUDE SCHOOL DISTRICTS. WE ASK THAT YOU
23 DELAY THE PROCESS, TAKE THE TIME TO RESTRUCTURE THE MEASURE IN
24 A FASHION THAT APPROPRIATELY EXEMPTS SCHOOL DISTRICTS. THANK
25 YOU.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
3 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE? AND THE PERSON WAITING SHOULD COME
4 FORWARD. SIR?

5

6 **SHAWN GATEWOOD:** HI. SHAWN GATEWOOD, DIRECTOR OF MAINTENANCE AT
7 EAST WHITTIER CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT. WE'RE HERE TODAY JUST TO
8 SAY THAT WE, LIKE A LOT OF OUR COLLEAGUES OUT HERE, APPROVE OF
9 CLEAN WATER. AND WE TEACH ABOUT IT IN OUR SCHOOLS EVERY DAY,
10 POLLUTION. BUT WE JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU'RE AWARE
11 THAT THE TIMING IS REALLY UNFORTUNATE, AS MANY OTHER DISTRICTS
12 HAVE SAID HERE TODAY. AND THAT WE JUST WISH THAT THERE WAS A
13 LITTLE MORE INFORMATION OUT THERE, A LITTLE MORE CLEAR
14 INFORMATION AND NOT AS MUCH CONFUSION. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
17 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18

19 **JOEL SHAWN:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN THOMAS AND BOARD
20 MEMBERS. I'LL BE VERY BRIEF BECAUSE WE'RE REPEATING OURSELVES.
21 BASICALLY WE JUST NEED MORE TIME. I'M JOEL SHAWN, I'M THE
22 SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ARCADIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. WE MET
23 WITH STAFF FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THEY ASKED THAT
24 WE PARTNER WITH THEM AND WE ASKED THE SAME THING. SO WE WOULD
25 LIKE TO ASK THE SUPERVISORS TO DELAY ACTION ON THIS FOR AT



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1 LEAST A YEAR BECAUSE WE THINK IT WOULD BE A YEAR, GIVEN THAT
2 OUR FINANCIAL SITUATION'S BEEN AFFECTED BY THE CRISIS THE LAST
3 FIVE YEARS, AND NOW WITH PROP 30, TO REALLY UNDERSTAND THIS
4 WILL RESULT IN ADDITIONAL TEACHERS BEING LAID OFF. I DON'T
5 THINK ANYBODY WANTS THAT. WE CERTAINLY BELIEVE THAT THERE
6 OUGHT TO BE CLEAN WATER AND WE WANT TO WORK WITH YOUR AGENCIES
7 BUT WE NEED TIME TO DID THAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE APPRECIATE YOUR TESTIMONY.

10 MA'AM?

11

12 **LINDA KAMINSKI:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-THOMAS, MY NAME
13 IS LINDA KAMINSKI, THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE AZUSA UNIFIED
14 SCHOOL DISTRICT.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WELCOME.

17

18 **LINDA KAMINSKI:** I'M HERE ALSO TO PROTEST THIS AND AM SPEAKING
19 ON BEHALF OF OUR BOARD OF EDUCATION WITH GREAT CONCERN ABOUT
20 THE FINANCIAL IMPACT AND THE LACK OF TRANSPARENCY IN
21 DEVELOPMENT OF THIS PROPOSAL AND LACK OF ENGAGEMENT OF SCHOOL
22 DISTRICTS AT THE MEETINGS THAT WE'VE HAD SO FAR. THERE HAVE
23 BEEN SOME LAST MINUTE SUGGESTIONS THAT SCHOOLS COULD MEET THE
24 EXPECTATIONS OF THIS BY PAYING A FEE, HAVING SOME OF THAT
25 MONEY RETURNED, AND USING THAT TO OFFER CURRICULUM. HOWEVER,



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1 BY PAYING THE FEE, WE ACTUALLY LOSE A TEACHER, WHO WOULD BE
2 DELIVERING THE CURRICULUM. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE
3 ENGAGE IN A FULL THOUGHTFUL PROCESS TO DEVELOP ANY KIND OF
4 PROPOSAL AND NOT SOMETHING THAT'S DONE ON A VERY SHORT
5 TIMELINE. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

8

9 **ADELE ANDRADE-STADLER:** CHAIRMAN, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, ADELE
10 ANDRADE-STADLER, I'M A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FOR ALHAMBRA
11 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR HEARING US ALL
12 HERE TODAY, SUPERVISORS. WE'D LIKE TO MAKE A BIG THANK YOU TO
13 MICHAEL ANTONOVICH FOR VOTING NO ON THIS AND SEEING IT
14 DIRECTLY IMPACTING OUR SCHOOLS. WE HAVE RAISED CLASS SIZES. WE
15 HAVE CUT OUR ORCHESTRAS. WE HAVE MADE CUTS TO OUR SUPPORT
16 STAFF AND TO OUR TEACHERS. WE'RE NOT FILLING VACANCIES. WE ARE
17 STILL HOLDING OUR BREATH WITH RESPECT TO SEQUESTRATION. WE
18 DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO COME DOWN THE LINE ON FEDERAL
19 FUNDING FOR OUR SCHOOLS. SO WE'RE JUST ASKING YOU TO RE-VISIT
20 THE SCHOOLS. YOU CAN TAX ME, BUT PLEASE DON'T TAX OUR SCHOOLS.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

23

24 **ELLEN DOUGHERTY:** HI. I'M ELLEN DOUGHERTY, I'M THE
25 SUPERINTENDENT IN LAWNSDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT. AND I'M



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1 HERE JUST TO AGAIN SAY THAT I THINK THAT THE ENTIRE PROCESS
2 HAS NOT BEEN TRANSPARENT AND IT HAS NOT BROUGHT FORTH CLEAR
3 INFORMATION. ON OUR MEETING ON JANUARY 7 WITH THE DEPARTMENT
4 OF PUBLIC WORKS, ALL THE PLANS WERE NEBULOUS. THE MORE
5 QUESTIONS WE ASKED, THE LESS INFORMATION WE RECEIVED. WE WERE
6 TOLD THAT THE TAX WOULD BE PAID BACK TO OUR GENERAL FUND, THEN
7 WE WERE TOLD WE WOULD HAVE TO SEND IT FOR CERTAIN PROGRAMS.
8 THIS IS NOT WELL THOUGHT OUT, AND THERE ARE MANY QUESTIONS
9 THAT ARE NOT ANSWERED. PUSHING THIS THROUGH TO FEBRUARY WOULD
10 NOT GIVE US ENOUGH TIME. PLEASE GIVE US TIME TO PARTNER, TO
11 WORK TOGETHER AND MAKE THIS A SOLUTION FOR ALL. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
14 TESTIMONY. DAVID KEMP FOLLOWED BY KAREN KIMMEL, PEDRO SALCIDO,
15 MARK WINGER. PLEASE COME FORWARD. SIR, YOUR NAME.

16

17 **MARK HANSBERGER:** MARK HANSBERGER, HACIENDA-LA PUENTE UNIFIED
18 SCHOOL DISTRICT, DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES. I'M HERE TO SPEAK
19 AGAINST THE PROPOSED CLEAN WATER CLEAN BEACHES MEASURE. THE
20 ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF THE FEE ON OUR DISTRICT COULD BE \$402,000
21 A YEAR. THAT EQUATES TO ROUGHLY FIVE TEACHERS -- SOME VERY
22 INITIAL INFORMATION ABOUT HOW THIS FEE WOULD FLOW BACK TO
23 SCHOOL DISTRICTS. BUT THE INFORMATION SO FAR, AS MANY OTHERS
24 HAVE SAID, HAS BEEN VERY SUPERFICIAL. WE HAVE NO IDEA HOW THIS
25 WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AND HOW THE TIMING OF THIS WOULD WORK. WE



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1 ENCOURAGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO DELAY IMPLEMENTATION AND
2 GIVE THIS MATTER FURTHER CONSIDERATION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT
5 SPEAKER IS? SIR?

6

7 **DAVE KEMP:** MY NAME IS DAVE KEMP. I'M A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF
8 EDUCATION OF BURBANK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. AND THANK YOU,
9 MR. THOMAS AND BOARD MEMBERS, FOR ALLOWING US TO HAVE THIS
10 OPPORTUNITY. BURBANK UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT RECENTLY PASSED A
11 RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE CLEAN WATER CLEAN BEACHES FEE. AND AS
12 YOU ALL KNOW, PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING IS VERY UNCERTAIN THESE
13 DAYS. AND THIS FEE WOULD BE AN ADDITIONAL BURDEN ON THE
14 DISTRICT AND ON OUR STUDENTS. WE OPPOSE THIS MEASURE, AND WE
15 HOPE THAT THE BOARD WILL RECONSIDER ANY ACTION MOVING FORWARD
16 ON THIS. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MA'AM?

19

20 **KAREN KIMMEL:** I'M KAREN KIMMEL. I AM THE C.P.O. FOR LAS
21 VIRGENES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL DISTRICT. DEAR BOARD
22 OF SUPERVISORS, ON BEHALF OF OUR BOARD OF EDUCATION AT THE LAS
23 VIRGENES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, I'D LIKE TO VOICE MY
24 OPPOSITION TO THE LOS ANGELES CLEAN WATER ACT. ALTHOUGH THE
25 PROPOSED WATER MEASURE IS ONE MEANS OF ADDRESSING AN IMPORTANT



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1 PUBLIC POLICY MATTER, THE IMPORTANCE OF THE MEASURE MUST BE
2 BALANCED AGAINST FURTHER SUBSTANTIAL CUTS TO INSTRUCTIONAL AND
3 SUPPORT SERVICES OFFERED TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS AND
4 FAMILIES. SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AS PARCEL OWNERS ARE NOT EXEMPT
5 FROM PAYING THESE FEES, RESULTING IN APPROXIMATELY \$14 MILLION
6 CHARGED TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS COUNTYWIDE, INCLUDING AN ESTIMATED
7 148,000 TO OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT. WE'VE LOST OVER \$10 MILLION IN
8 REVENUES FROM OUR BUDGET FROM THE STATE CUTS. AND WITH THESE
9 HUGE CUTS, WE'RE STILL DEFICIT SPENDING. SO WE ARE ASKING THE
10 BOARD TO CONSIDER RESTRUCTURING THIS MEASURE TO EXEMPT SCHOOL
11 DISTRICTS AND CONSIDER THE IMPACT ON PUBLIC EDUCATION.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
14 SIR?

15

16 **MARC WINGER:** MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN AND SUPERVISORS. I'M MARC
17 WINGER, SUPERINTENDENT OF THE NEWHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT. I'M
18 HERE REPRESENTING THE FIVE SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF THE SANTA
19 CLARITA VALLEY, CASTAIC, NEWHALL, SULPHUR SPRINGS, SAUGUS AND
20 THE WILLIAM S. HART HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT. COLLECTIVELY WE
21 REPRESENT OVER 50,000 STUDENTS AND THE FEE FOR US COLLECTIVELY
22 WOULD BE OVER \$600,000. AND THOSE OF US WITH PROPERTY IN THE
23 CITY OF SANTA CLARITA ALREADY PAY THIS FEE. THIS FEE WOULD
24 TAKE GENERAL FUND OPERATIONAL DOLLARS AT A TIME WHEN WE JUST
25 STABILIZED OUR REVENUE FOR THE LAST SIX YEARS. WE'VE BEEN



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1 CUTTING OUR PROGRAMS. WE'VE HAD A 22 PERCENT REDUCTION IN
2 FUNDING. IN EFFECT, THESE FEES CONSTITUTE ANOTHER CUT IN
3 FUNDING FOR US. WE'VE HEARD VAGUE PROMISES ABOUT HOW THE FEE
4 MIGHT COME BACK TO THE DISTRICTS FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
5 WORKS DEFINED INSTRUCTIONAL AND CAPITAL USES. OUR BOARDS AND
6 SUPERINTENDENTS DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE SWAPPING OF
7 OPERATIONAL DOLLARS FOR PUBLIC WORKS DICTATED USES IS IN THE
8 BEST INTEREST OF OUR STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES. WE FEEL THE
9 APPLICATION OF THIS INITIATIVE TO SCHOOLS IS ILL ADVISED,
10 DUPLICATIVE OF EFFORTS IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY AND HARMFUL
11 TO OUR BUDGETS. THANK YOU.

12
13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SIR. NEXT SPEAKER.

14
15 **PEDRO SALCIDO:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS. PEDRO
16 SALCIDO, LEGISLATIVE LIAISON WITH THE LOS ANGELES UNIFIED
17 SCHOOL DISTRICT. I'M HERE TO ACTUALLY SUBMIT A LETTER ON
18 BEHALF OF SUPERINTENDENT JOHN DAISY AS WELL AS CONVEY TO YOU
19 THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF LOS ANGELES ACTUALLY JUST
20 APPROVED THE RESOLUTION. THIS MEASURE, IF APPROVED, WOULD
21 IMPOSE AN ANNUAL FEE OF 4.8 MILLION ANNUALLY FROM L.A.U.S.D.'S
22 GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECENT
23 EFFORTS OF COUNTY STAFF TO RESOLVE THE FISCAL IMPACT, THE
24 FISCAL ISSUES TO SCHOOLS. HOWEVER, IN LIGHT OF THE ONGOING
25 CONCERNS RELATED TO THE PROPOSED SCHOOL PROGRAM AND THE



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1 SUBSTANTIAL ANNUAL IMPACT TO OUR STUDENTS AND SCHOOLS,
2 L.A.U.S.D. RESPECTFULLY OPPOSES THE MEASURE IN ITS CURRENT
3 FORM. I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT ALL 3,764 PARCELS IN PROTEST TO
4 THIS FEE. HOWEVER, THE DISTRICT WILL RECONSIDER ITS OPPOSITION
5 TO THE MEASURE IF SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE ABLE TO SECURE A FULL
6 EXEMPTION FROM THE FEE OR PARTICIPATE.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

9

10 **PEDRO SALCIDO:** IN THE YET TO BE ESTABLISHED PROGRAM. THANK
11 YOU.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOUR TIME
14 IS EXPIRED. WE APPRECIATE IT. ALL RIGHT MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
15 THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER HAS CALLED A MATTER TO MY ATTENTION.
16 PLEASE PROCEED, MA'AM.

17

18 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE
19 BOARD. ON ITEM 19, THERE WAS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WANTED TO SPEAK
20 EARLIER BEFORE WE STARTED THE PROCEEDINGS ON ITEM NO. 40. AND
21 SHE WAS CAUGHT UP IN THE LINE OUTSIDE. SO IF WE COULD JUST
22 TABLE ITEM 40 FOR JUST A QUICK MOMENT TO HAVE HER TESTIFY ON
23 ITEM 19 AND THEN WE'LL PROCEED BACK TO ITEM NO. 40.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, WE'LL
2 PROCEED ACCORDINGLY. WE WILL CALL AGAIN SAMANTHA AZULAY, IF
3 YOU WOULD COME FORWARD TO BE HEARD AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO
4 RESUME THE HEARING. MA'AM, PLEASE COME FORWARD?

5

6 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** AND MR. CHAIRMAN, IF WE COULD
7 RECONSIDER ITEM 19 AS SHE'S COMING UP.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I MOVE RECONSIDERATION OF 19.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PROMPTLY MOVED AND RECONSIDERED.
12 IS THERE A SECOND? IT'S BEEN SECONDED. IF THERE IS NO
13 OBJECTION, THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. PLEASE PROCEED WITH YOUR
14 TESTIMONY.

15

16 **SAMANTHA AZULAY:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN AND SUPERVISORS. THANK
17 YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SQUEEZE ME IN HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF
18 ANOTHER ITEM. ONCE AGAIN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH HAS
19 COME BEFORE YOU WITH ITEM 19 ASKING TO APPROVE ANOTHER SOLE-
20 SOURCE CONTRACT. ONCE AGAIN THE ONLY JUSTIFICATION ASSERTED,
21 AT LEAST TO THE PUBLIC, IS THAT THE PROPOSED CONTRACTOR IS
22 "UNIQUELY QUALIFIED TO DO THIS WORK." NOTHING MORE. APPARENTLY
23 D.P.H. THINKS THAT NOTHING MORE IS NEEDED. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT
24 THE CONTRACTING MECHANISM AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
25 IS BROKEN. PERHAPS BEYOND REPAIR. RELATIVE TO EVERY OTHER



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1 COUNTY AGENCY, SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACTING IS STANDARD OPERATING
2 PRACTICE IN D.P.H.'S DEPARTMENT. YOU HAVE BEEN PROVIDED
3 REPORTS REGARDING SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACTING IN L.A. COUNTY. IN
4 FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010, D.P.H. ENTERED INTO 144 SOLE-SOURCE
5 CONTRACTS OF LESS THAN \$250,000. IT IS UNCLEAR HOW MANY OVER
6 THAT AMOUNT WERE ALSO ENTERED INTO BECAUSE THAT INFORMATION
7 WAS CONSPICUOUSLY LEFT OUT OF THE REPORT. IN FISCAL YEAR 2010-
8 11, 72 PERCENT OF ALL SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACTS OF LESS THAN
9 \$250,000 ORIGINATED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. IT'S
10 UNCLEAR HOW MANY OVER THAT AMOUNT WERE ALSO DONE BECAUSE THAT
11 INFORMATION WAS NOT PROVIDED. THE OTHER 34 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS
12 WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR ONLY 28 PERCENT OF ALL SOLE-SOURCE
13 CONTRACTS. IN FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012, 44 PERCENT OF ALL SOLE-
14 SOURCE CONTRACTS OF LESS THAN \$250,000 ORIGINATED IN D.P.H.
15 AGAIN, IT'S UNCLEAR HOW MANY OF THOSE WERE UNDER 250,000. THE
16 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES IS NOT SO INNOCENT, EITHER. ON
17 JUNE 6 OF 2012, SUPERIOR COURT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY VOTED YET
18 ANOTHER SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACT THAT D.H.S. HAD ENTERED INTO,
19 FINDING THAT THE CONTRACT CAN AND SHOULD BE BID UNDER COUNTY
20 LAW. DESPITE ASSERTIONS BY THE DEPARTMENT THAT IT WOULD BID,
21 SOME SEVEN MONTHS LATER, IT STILL HAS NOT. HOWEVER, COMPARED
22 TO D.P.H., D.H.S.'S TRACK RECORD DOESN'T SOUND SO BAD. DURING
23 THE SAME THREE YEARS THAT D.P.H. ENTERED INTO 297 SOLE- SOURCE
24 CONTRACTS, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES ENTERED INTO 18
25 SOLE-SOURCE CONTRACTS. D.P.H.'S REFUSAL TO COMPLY WITH COUNTY



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1 CONTRACTING LAW CONTINUES AND HAS ERODED THE PUBLIC TRUST IN
2 THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT. IT IS APPARENT THAT D.P.H. PREFERS
3 GOVERNING BY LAZINESS, CRISIS AND CRONYISM AND UNLESS AND
4 UNTIL THE HEAD OF D.P.H. NO LONGER IS IN THAT POSITION, THIS
5 IS GOING TO GO ON. A.I.D.S. HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION OPPOSES THE
6 APPROVAL OF THIS CONTRACT UNTIL D.P.H. ADEQUATELY JUSTIFIES
7 ANY NEED FOR SOLE- SOURCING OR UNTIL IT IS BID AND CALLS FOR
8 THE RESIGNATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF D.P.H., GIVEN THESE CORRUPT
9 AND CONSTANT PRACTICES. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM IS BEFORE
12 US. SUPERVISOR KNABE MOVES. IS THERE A SECOND? IT HAS BEEN
13 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. AND THERE'S NO OBJECTION,
14 THAT WILL BE THE ORDER. LET THE RECORD REFLECT THAT THE C.E.O.
15 HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO PROVIDE A FULL REPORT ON SOLE- SOURCING,
16 AND IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT WE WILL SEE THAT BEFORE THE
17 END OF THIS MONTH. ALL RIGHT. LET'S RESUME THE HEARING ON ITEM
18 NO. 40. WE ARE STILL IN THE MIDDLE OF THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY. I
19 NOW CALL ON MARK GOLD, JAMES WALSH. FRANK LOPEZ, AND PAMELA
20 ULICH. IF THE FOUR OF YOU WOULD COME NOW, IT WOULD BE
21 APPRECIATED. ROGER CHANG, IF YOU ARE READY, ARNOLD SACHS,
22 MICHAEL LEWIS AND JIM MC QUISTON. ALL RIGHT. LADIES AND
23 GENTLEMEN, IF YOU WOULD FIND YOUR WAY TO THE MICROPHONE
24 QUICKLY, WE WOULD BE APPRECIATIVE. DR. GOLD, WELCOME AND
25 PROCEED.



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2 **MARK GOLD:** THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. AS A
3 LONGTIME FORMER PRESIDENT OF HEAL THE BAY AND WALTER QUALITY
4 SCIENTIST THAT HAS STUDIED THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF
5 POLLUTED RUNOFF ON HUMAN HEALTH AND AQUATIC LIFE FOR THE LAST
6 25 YEARS, I STRONGLY SUPPORT MOVING FORWARD WITH THE CLEAN
7 WATER CLEAN BEACHES MEASURE. THIS MEASURE IS THE MOST
8 IMPORTANT WATER QUALITY, WATER SUPPLY, AND FLOOD CONTROL
9 MEASURE THAT THE REGION HAS EVER SEEN. ALSO, IT IS AN
10 EQUITABLE COUNTY-WIDE WAY TO MOVE FORWARD ON LONG OVERDUE
11 EFFORTS TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND AQUATIC LIFE. THIS
12 MEASURE HAS BEEN NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE CITIES AND THE COUNTY
13 AND ENABLED BY STATE LEGISLATION, A PROCESS THAT HAS TAKEN
14 OVER FIVE YEARS. WE NEED TO INVEST IN GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AND
15 A SUSTAINABLE WATER FUTURE NOW RATHER THAN LATER WHEN COSTS
16 WILL GO UP DRAMATICALLY. A COUNTY-WIDE APPROACH IS SO MUCH
17 MORE COST EFFICIENT AND ENVIRONMENTALLY EFFECTIVE THAN HAVING
18 EVERY CITY FENDING FOR THEMSELVES. THIS MEASURE WILL NOT PASS
19 WITHOUT THE LEADERSHIP OF THIS BOARD. THE MEASURE MUST INCLUDE
20 STRONG ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY, INCLUDING AN APPROVED
21 ORDINANCE AND SELECTION CRITERIA BEFORE THE VOTE. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
24 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. SIR?

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1 **JIM WALSH:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND BOARD
2 MEMBERS. MY NAME IS JIM WALSH. I'M JUST A CITIZEN OF LONG
3 BEACH. I DON'T HAVE ANY PARTICULAR CONSTITUENCY TO REPRESENT.
4 MY SPLENDID LOCAL NEWSPAPER, THE "GRUNION GAZETTE," TOOK ISSUE
5 WITH THIS PROPOSAL AND ALSO DID A STORY THAT RAISED TWO
6 QUESTIONS, ONE OF WHICH IS THE SUNSET PROVISION, THERE DOESN'T
7 APPEAR TO BE ONE. AND THE SECOND IS THERE DOESN'T APPEAR TO BE
8 A SUFFICIENT CABINING OF THE REVENUES THAT ARE GOING TO BE
9 GENERATED BY THIS TO DIRECT TO PARTICULAR SOURCES OR PROJECTS.
10 I ASSUME THAT'S GOING TO BE ADDRESSED AT SOME POINT DOWN THE
11 ROAD. BUT I HEARD AN EARLIER PROPOSAL THAT WE HAVE A 30-YEAR
12 SUNSET PROVISION. 30 YEARS FOR ME IS A LIFETIME. A 30-YEAR
13 SUNSET PROVISION IS NO SUNSET PROVISION AT ALL. I CAN'T
14 REMEMBER WHAT I DID 30 DAYS AGO LET ALONE 30 YEARS DOWN THE
15 ROAD. NOBODY ELSE IS GOING TO REMEMBER, EITHER.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** LET ME ASSURE YOU I UNDERSTAND.
18 THANK YOU SO MUCH. [LAUGHTER.] WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
19 TESTIMONY. MA'AM, PLEASE PROCEED. OTHER SPEAKERS? PLEASE JOIN
20 US.

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22 **PAMELA CONLEY:** DON'T START UNTIL I GET TO MY SEAT, PLEASE.
23 SORRY, I LOST FOUR SECONDS. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS PAMELA
24 CONLEY-HULIG. I'M A FORMER MAYOR BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY OF
25 MALIBU OF COSTA CITY. I'M A MOTHER OF TWO CHILDREN WHO USE THE



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1 WATER, THEY'RE JUNIOR LIFEGUARDS. I LIKE WHAT GLORIA MOLINA
2 SAID ABOUT THIS IS MISINFORMATION. BUT WHO CREATED THIS
3 MISINFORMATION? THIS IS WHAT YOU GUYS SENT. THIS IS ABOUT THE
4 PUBLIC TRUST. I THREW IT AWAY. THIS IS MY NEIGHBOR'S, THANK
5 GOD THEY MADE A COPY. IF I, WHO LOOK OUT FOR THESE ISSUES,
6 DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, THEN A LOT OF OTHER PEOPLE
7 DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON. [APPLAUSE.] PLEASE, IF YOU WANT TO
8 GARNER TRUST, SUPPORT, BE OPEN, BE HONEST. IS IT A FEE? IS IT
9 A TAX? BE HONEST WITH THE PEOPLE. WHY NOT GIVE US THE
10 OPPORTUNITY AND THE TIME TO STUDY THIS ISSUE, TO UNDERSTAND
11 SOME OF THE CONSEQUENCES IF WE DON'T SUPPORT IT? WHY NOT PUT
12 IT TO A VOTE TO ALL OF THE PEOPLE? PLEASE DO IT IN AN ELECTION
13 AND NOT IN A MAIL-IN WHERE MORE PEOPLE LIKE ME MIGHT THROW IT
14 OUT AGAIN.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

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18 **PAMELA CONLEY:** THANK YOU. HAVE A GOOD DAY.

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** YOU, TOO. ALL RIGHT, THE OTHER
21 NAMES THAT I CALLED PLEASE COME FORWARD.

22

23 **FRANK LOPEZ:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS FRANK LOPEZ
24 AND I'M HERE TODAY ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES AREA CHAMBER
25 OF COMMERCE AND THE CENTRAL CITY ASSOCIATION OF LOS ANGELES.



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1 THE CHAMBER IS A MEMBER OF THE BIZFED COALITION WORKING TO
2 IMPROVE THIS MEASURE AND WE'RE CONCERNED WITH THE SIGNIFICANT
3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS THIS MEASURE WILL HAVE ON PROPERTY
4 OWNERS AND BUSINESSES THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY. SEVERAL CHAMBERS
5 MEMBERS HAVE INDICATED THAT THE PROPOSED FEE ON THEIR PROPERTY
6 WOULD EXCEED \$1 MILLION PER YEAR. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THIS FEE
7 WILL HELP CITIES COMPLY WITH NEW REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY THE
8 REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, BUT THE PROPOSAL THUS
9 FAR HAS LACKED THE PROPER PROCESS FOR PUBLIC INPUT AND WILL
10 FACE BROAD OPPOSITION IF PRESENTED TO PROPERTY OWNERS IN ITS
11 CURRENT FORM. THE LACK OF INPUT SOUGHT FROM PROPERTY OWNERS ON
12 THIS ISSUE HAS RESULTED IN A DEARTH OF TRANSPARENCY IN THE
13 COUNTY STANDARDS THAT THE PUBLIC SHOULD DEMAND OF A FEE OF
14 THIS SCALE. THEREFORE WE ASK THAT THE FINAL REVISED ORDINANCE,
15 THE PROJECT CRITERIA, THE DRAFT IMPLEMENTATION MANUAL BE MADE
16 AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC BEFORE THIS MEASURE IS PUT TO A VOTE
17 SO PROPERTY OWNERS ACTUALLY KNOW WHAT THEY'LL BE VOTING FOR
18 AND TO CONSIDER. WE URGE YOU TO POSTPONE ANY ACTION ON THIS
19 MEASURE UNTIL THE CONCERNS RAISED --

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SIR, YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. WE
22 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY, AND WE'LL MOVE TO THE NEXT
23 SPEAKER. THE MIC IS YOURS.



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1 **ROGER CHANG:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS ROGER
2 CHANG, AND I'M A CONCERNED CITIZEN. I BELIEVE ONE ASPECT OF
3 THE PROPOSED FEE POLICY IS FUNDAMENTALLY FLAWED AND
4 INCONSISTENT WITH STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD ACTIONS.
5 I REQUEST SCHOOL DISTRICTS, THE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION,
6 AND COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE PROPOSED PARCEL
7 FEES. THE STATE WATER BOARD, WHICH IS THE DESIGNATED AGENCY TO
8 IMPLEMENT THE FEDERAL CLEAN WATER ACT, HAS MADE NUMEROUS
9 POLICY REVISIONS IN THEIR WATER PERMITS TO EXCLUDE AND DEFER
10 SCHOOL DISTRICTS, COUNTY OFFICES OF EDUCATION, AND COMMUNITY
11 COLLEGES FROM REGULATIONS WHICH WOULD HAVE COST HUNDREDS OF
12 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. THERE IS A PRECEDENT FOR EXCLUSION FOR
13 EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES. THE IRONY IN THE PARCEL TAX FEE POLICY
14 IS THAT THE BULK OF THE FUNDS THAT ARE GOING TO BE TRANSFERRED
15 TO OTHER AGENCIES IS FOR WATER PERMIT REGULATIONS THAT SCHOOL
16 DISTRICTS, COUNTY OFFICES OF EDUCATION --

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
19 YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

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21 **ROGER CHANG:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. SIR?

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1 **MIKE LEWIS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY
2 NAME IS MIKE LEWIS. I'M HERE TODAY ON BEHALF OF THE
3 CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY COALITION ON WATER QUALITY. YOU'RE GOING
4 TO HEAR A LOT OF TESTIMONY ABOUT SOME OF THE SPECIFICS OF THIS
5 INITIATIVE AND SOME OF THE CONCERNS ABOUT IT. LET ME HIGHLIGHT
6 A COUPLE. FIRST OF ALL, I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THE BIZFED
7 ORGANIZATION AND SUPPORT THE EFFORT THAT THEY'VE PUT FORWARD
8 TO TRY TO FIX THIS ORDINANCE. WE BELIEVE THERE NEEDS TO BE A
9 SUNSET. I DON'T THINK IT'S FAIR TO ASK THE PROPERTY OWNERS TO
10 PAY FOR SOMETHING THAT WILL GO ON FOREVER AND THAT THIS CAN'T
11 BE SOLVED AT SOME POINT AND REDUCE THIS FEE. SECONDLY, THERE
12 NEEDS TO BE VERY SPECIFIC CRITERIA ABOUT HOW THIS MONEY GETS
13 SPENT. IT'S NOT FAIR FOR ONE CITY TO BE ABLE TO REDUCE
14 POLLUTION FOR \$10 A GALLON AND ANOTHER TO SPEND \$10,000 A
15 GALLON TO DO THE SAME THING. FINALLY, THERE NEEDS TO BE A VERY
16 SPECIFIC LIST OF PROJECTS WITH THIS PROPOSAL. IT'S NOT FAIR TO
17 ASK THE TAXPAYERS TO TURN OVER BILLIONS OF DOLLARS AND NOT
18 IDENTIFY EXACTLY HOW YOU'RE GOING TO SPEND IT. WE'D LIKE TO
19 HAVE A LITTLE BIT MORE TIME SO BIZFED CAN WORK WITH YOU TO FIX
20 THIS INITIATIVE. THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU ARE YOUR TESTIMONY.
23 SIR. LET ME CALL JAN BAIRD AND LEIGHTON ANDERSON AS WELL AS
24 CRAIG SAP, IF THE THREE OF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD, WE WOULD BE
25 APPRECIATIVE. PLEASE PROCEED, SIR.



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SPEAKER: CHAIRMAN, QUESTION. WE DON'T HAVE ANY RUNOFF OFF OF ANY OF OUR PROPERTIES. WE HAVE IT ALL LEACHED INTO THE GROUND. BUT I MUST SAY THIS. MOST PROPERTY OWNERS DON'T KNOW THEY OWN THE STREETS. AND THERE'S RUNOFF GOING THROUGH THEIR PROPERTY THAT THEY'RE NOT TAKING CARE OF. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THE COUNTY CAN DO ABOUT THAT IS TO PROHIBIT A CITY OR A DIVISION LIKE THAT FROM POLLUTING THEIR NEXT DOOR NEIGHBORS. AND THAT WOULD TAKE CARE OF THE PROBLEM BECAUSE THAT MEANS THAT THE INDIVIDUAL ENTITIES CAN TAKE CARE OF IT BY THEMSELVES. BUT THIS IS IN VIOLATION OF ARTICLES 13 C AND D AND ALSO SECTION 65-480. SO THERE WOULD PROBABLY BE A LOT OF LITIGATION THAT COULD BE ELIMINATED BY THIS ALTERNATE APPROACH.

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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. MA'AM, PLEASE PROCEED.

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JAN BAIRD: MY NAME IS JAN BAIRD AND I'M A TRUSTEE WITH THE SOUTH WHITTIER SCHOOL DISTRICT. OUR SMALL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF 6 ELEMENTARY AND ONE MIDDLE SCHOOL IS BEING ASKED TO COME UP WITH OVER \$64,000 EACH YEAR FOR THE CLEAN WATER MEASURE. JUST TWO YEARS AGO, OUR SCHOOL DISTRICT HAD TO LAY OFF 15 TEACHERS DUE TO A VERY RESTRICTIVE BUDGET. IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT PASSAGE OF THIS CLEAN WATER MEASURE COULD TAKE AWAY ONE MORE TEACHER. IN OUR DISTRICT, WE SQUEEZE EACH NICKEL TWICE TO BE



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1 SURE WE ARE GETTING OUR MONEY'S WORTH. WE HAVE NOTHING TO
2 SPARE. THIS MONEY COULD GO TOWARD THE CLEAN WATER MEASURE OR A
3 TEACHER'S SALARY. I AM AWARE OF THE URGENT NEED TO EDUCATE
4 EVERYONE ON THE CAUSE AND EFFECT OF POLLUTED WATER, BUT I'M
5 PLEADING WITH YOU TO FIND ANOTHER MEANS TO CHARGE SCHOOL
6 DISTRICTS A SUBSTANTIAL TAX INCREASE. THANK YOU.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, SIR.

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10 **LEIGHTON ANDERSON:** SUPERVISORS MY NAME IS LEIGHTON ANDERSON. I
11 AM A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WHITTIER UNION
12 HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT. WE OPPOSE THE WATER RUNOFF MEASURE. THE
13 WHITTIER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT SERVES 13,000 STUDENTS AND
14 THEIR FAMILIES. WE HAVE ACHIEVED PROVEN SUCCESS FOR THE MOST
15 UNDERSERVED STUDENT POPULATIONS. AND WE HAVE OPENED DOORS FOR
16 THOSE STUDENTS TO SUCCEED IN LIFE. BUT OUR WORK HAS BEEN
17 ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY MANY YEARS OF SEVERE FUNDING
18 LIMITATIONS. IT IS TRAGIC TO FIND THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS
19 ANGELES NOW PROPOSES TO MAKE OUR JOBS EVEN HARDER BY IMPOSING
20 MILLIONS IN HIDDEN TAXES ON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS. IN
21 NOVEMBER'S ELECTIONS, CALIFORNIA VOTERS DEMONSTRATED THEIR
22 CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION. DON'T BETRAY THEM BY
23 TAKING MILLIONS FROM OUR SCHOOLS. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

2 SIR?

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4 **CRAIG SAP:** CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-THOMAS, SUPERVISORS, I'M CRAIG SAP,
5 ANGELES DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT FOR STATE PARKS. AS A MANAGER
6 OF OPEN SPACE, I'M KEENLY AWARE OF THE STORM WATER ISSUES. AND
7 THE STATE PARKS SUPPORTS THE COUNTY'S EFFORTS IN MANAGING
8 STORM WATER POLLUTION. HOWEVER, AS A STEWARD OF 50,000 ACRES
9 WITHIN THE ANGELES DISTRICT, MY CONCERN IS THIS MEASURE, IF
10 IMPLEMENTED WILL BE A HUGE BURDEN UPON MY CURRENT ALLOCATION.
11 HAVING SAID THAT, IF THE MEASURE DOES PASS, I LOOK FORWARD TO
12 WORKING WITH ESPECIALLY SUPERVISOR OF DISTRICT 3, MR.
13 YAROSLAVSKY, AND HIS STAFF AND HOPEFULLY WORKING OUT SOME KIND
14 OF EXEMPTION THAT WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE THE RATE BASED
15 UPON A CRITERIA SUCH AS THE STATE PARKS IMPLEMENTING LOW
16 IMPACT DESIGNS WITHIN ALL OUR PARKS. ALL OF OUR PARKS
17 ESPECIALLY MALIBU LAGOON, RETAINS ALL OF OUR STORM WATER, IN
18 FACT TAKES STORM WATER FROM ADJOINING PROPERTIES. SO I THINK
19 IF THAT MEASURE DOES PASS, WE WOULD HOPEFULLY BE ABLE TO
20 OFFSET THOSE COSTS.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
23 ARNOLD SACHS, MICHAEL LEWIS, ERIC PREVEN AND RENE GAMERO.
24 PROCEED, PLEASE.

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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, MY NAME IS ERIC PREVEN AND I AM THE COUNTY
2 RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3. AND IT'S VERY INTERESTING TO HEAR
3 FROM SO MANY OF THESE EDUCATORS AND ADMINISTRATORS WHO ARE SO
4 WORRIED ABOUT THEIR BUDGETS. AND WHEN YOU TRY TO EVALUATE
5 THIS, JUST AS SOMEBODY WHO IS PAYING ATTENTION TO THIS, THIS
6 IS GOING TO BE ABOUT \$295 MILLION TO GO TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM,
7 IT'S VERY HARD TO HAVE A SENSE OF WHAT'S EXACTLY HAPPENING.
8 LAST WEEK WE SPENT \$25 MILLION SIMILARLY. PREVIOUSLY A COUPLE
9 WEEKS AGO ITEM 33 WE SPENT ANOTHER \$36 MILLION FOR WATER
10 CONSULTANTS. I JUST WOULD HOPE THAT THIS KIND OF AN
11 INITIATIVE, WHICH IS SO -- IT IS AN IMPORTANT GOAL TO CLEAN UP
12 OUR RUNOFF, BUT I JUST WISH THAT THIS WAS BROUGHT BEFORE A
13 REAL ELECTION WHERE THE PUBLIC COULD REALLY VET IT. THIS IS
14 THE KIND OF A RIGGED STORY BECAUSE WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN,
15 NOBODY REALLY UNDERSTOOD THESE PAMPHLETS. AND AS MUCH AS I
16 RESPECT SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, WHO CLEARLY SUPPORTS THIS
17 INITIATIVE AND THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT THAT WE DO RESPECT.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

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21 **ERIC PREVEN:** THIS SMELLS BAD AND WE WOULD HOPE THIS WOULD COME
22 FORWARD MORE APPROPRIATELY. THANK YOU.

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SIR. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **RENE GAMERO:** HELLO, GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS RENE GAMERO, I AM
2 AN ENGINEER. I REPRESENT STORM WATER R.X. AND I'M A RESIDENT
3 OF LOS ANGELES SINCE 1984. NOW, WE ALL WANT CLEAN WATER. NONE
4 OF US WANT TO PAY MORE TAX. WE ALL WANT WELL-EDUCATED
5 CHILDREN. BUT DO WE REALLY WANT TO HIRE MORE TEACHERS THAT
6 DON'T UNDERSTAND THE FUNDAMENTALS OF ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP
7 WITH EVERYTHING THEY DO? NOW, MY -- THE BEST THING TO COME OUT
8 OF THIS MEASURE IS THAT IT STARTS THE DIALOGUE. IT STARTS THE
9 DIALOGUE BETWEEN BUSINESS, RESIDENTS, THOSE THAT ARE IN THE
10 LEAD LIKE THE CITY OF MALIBU, CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, ARCADIA,
11 HACIENDA, LAS VIRGENES SCHOOL DISTRICT. AND I HOPE THERE IS AN
12 ALLOTMENT AS THIS MOVES FORWARD FOR THOSE COMPANIES AND CITIES
13 THAT ARE TAKING THE LEAD, APPLYING TREATMENT, AND EDUCATING
14 THEIR RESIDENTS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF WATER STEWARDSHIP MOVING
15 FORWARD. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,
18 SIR. WE'VE NOW LISTENED, WE'VE NOW CALLED ON TED EBENKAMP,
19 JOHN MCNEIL, HOLLY SCHROEDER, JEFF FARANO, IN THAT ORDER,
20 PLEASE. THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO COME
21 NEXT WOULD BE STEVE HANSON. CRISTINA DAVIS. JOE ARAGON, AND
22 ANGEL CABRAL. SIR? THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

23

24 **TED EBENKAMP:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS TED EBENKAMP. I'M A BOARD
25 MEMBER OF THE WALNUT VALLEY WATER DISTRICT AND ALSO THE



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1 ROWLAND HEIGHTS COMMUNITY COORDINATING COUNCIL. LAST EVENING
2 AT OUR WATER DISTRICT BOARD MEETING, WE VOTED TO OPPOSE THIS
3 PROJECT. WHILE WE AGREE WITH THE GOAL OF CLEANING UP THE
4 WATER, WE OBJECT TO THE LACK OF TRANSPARENCY IN THIS PROCESS,
5 THE LACK OF DETAIL ON HOW THE MONEY WILL BE SPENT, AND THE
6 LACK OF A SUNSET CLAUSE. WE'D ALSO LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT IN
7 YOUR INVOCATION, THE PASTOR MENTIONED THAT THERE ARE 680,000
8 HOMELESS PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY AT THIS TIME. MANY THOUSANDS OF
9 OTHERS ARE STRUGGLING TO PAY THEIR MORTGAGES. TO DUMP AN
10 ADDITIONAL FEE ON THE BACKS OF THESE PEOPLE THAT MAY CAUSE
11 THEM TO LOSE THEIR HOME IS JUST UNCONSCIONABLE. THANK YOU.

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY AND
14 FOR THOSE WHO CAME WITH YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SIR.

17

18 **JOHN MCNEIL:** HELLO. MY NAME IS JOHN MCNEIL, I'M THE ASSISTANT
19 SUPERINTENDENT BUSINESS SERVICES FOR WHITTIER CITY SCHOOL
20 DISTRICT AND I'M HERE TO SPEAK IN OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE.
21 FIRST OF ALL I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT I SPENT FIVE YEARS AS A
22 LIFEGUARD AT THE BEACH, AT HUNTINGTON STATE BEACH. I'M
23 CURRENTLY STILL OCEAN SWIMMING AND CURRENTLY A SURFER. WE ALL
24 LOVE THE BEACH. THIS IS ABSOLUTELY IMPORTANT TO DO. LET ME
25 SPEAK TO YOU FROM THE STANDPOINT OF A SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR.



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1 FOUR YEARS AGO WE HAD 250 TEACHERS IN OUR DISTRICT. WE HAVE
2 190 TEACHERS IN THE DISTRICT. WE REMAIN THE SAME SIZE. OUR
3 BUDGET INCLUDED ABOUT 64 PERCENT WENT FOR PERSONNEL. CURRENTLY
4 OUR BUDGET NOW INCLUDES ABOUT 86 PERCENT IN PERSONNEL. WE
5 SPENT 2 PERCENT OF OUR BUDGET ON UTILITIES. THIS FEE ASSESSED
6 ON OUR DISTRICT WOULD REQUIRE US TO RELEASE THREE TEACHERS.
7 THERE'S A DIRECT CORRELATION. THE COIN OF THE REALM IN SCHOOL
8 DISTRICTS ARE TEACHERS. THIS DEFINITELY HAS CHANGED THE WAY WE
9 THINK. WE WENT FROM 20 TO 1, WE'RE NOW AT 30 TO 1 FOR OUR
10 STUDENTS. AND THIS FEE IMPACTS US. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
13 MA'AM?

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15 **HOLLY SCHROEDER:** MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, HOLLY SCHROEDER WITH
16 THE BUILDING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION. THE B.I.A. HAS LONG
17 ADVOCATED FOR REGIONAL SOLUTIONS TO STORM WATER WHICH WE
18 BELIEVE WILL BE MORE EFFECTIVE AND COST EFFICIENT THAN THE
19 SPOT MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS THAT WE'RE CURRENTLY EMPLOYING. THIS
20 PARCEL FEE EMBRACES THIS CONCEPT AND PROVIDES FUNDING TO MAKE
21 REGIONAL SOLUTIONS POSSIBLE, BUT UNFORTUNATELY THERE ARE
22 NUMEROUS OTHER ISSUES WITH THE PROPOSAL THAT WE CANNOT SUPPORT
23 AT THIS TIME. FIRST AND FOREMOST THE PROPOSED FEE IMPOSES A
24 DOUBLE IF NOT TRIPLE BURDEN ON BUILDERS AND HOMEOWNERS.
25 BUILDERS ARE ALREADY REQUIRED TO INSTALL STORM WATER CONTROLS



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1 ON SITE TO RETAIN WATER AS REQUIRED BY YOUR LID ORDINANCES AND
2 THE MS-4 PERMIT. THESE INSTALLATIONS COST A LOT AND THEY
3 INCREASE THE COST OF A HOUSE. THE INCREASE THE COST OF THE
4 HOMEOWNERS WHO LIVE THERE. AND THEY HAVE TO PAY FOR IT AND
5 THEN THEY WOULD STILL HAVE TO PAY THIS PARCEL FEE. THIS FEE IS
6 ALSO INTENDED TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE COMPLIANCE
7 WITH THE PERMIT BUT WE'RE STILL CONCERNED AT LEAST AS IT
8 RELATES TO LAND DEVELOPMENT, THIS INITIATIVE AND DEPARTMENT
9 COMPLIANCES DO NOT YET ALIGN. ALIGN. AND THIS MUST BE REMEDIED
10 AND A SPECIFIC LIST OF PROJECTS MUST BE IDENTIFIED. WE ASK FOR
11 A DELAY SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO WORK THROUGH THESE ISSUES.
12 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. THE
15 NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE. AND YOU SHOULD BE FOLLOWED BY JENNIFER
16 AVELLAN, CYNTHIA KURTZ AND JEFF WHEELER AND FINALLY JEFF
17 MCCONNELL. PLEASE PROCEED.

18

19 **JEFF FARANO SR.:** GENTLEMEN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
20 SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS JAY FARANO. I AM WITH S.A. RECYCLING.
21 S.A. RECYCLING OWNS AND OPERATES 13 METAL RECYCLING FACILITIES
22 THROUGHOUT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY. 26 PARCELS EXISTING OF
23 ABOUT OVER 100 ACRES. OUR PROPERTY INCLUDES TWO LARGE PARCELS
24 IN THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES AND THE PORT OF LONG BEACH. SINCE
25 2008, IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH THE EXISTING FEDERAL WATER



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1 STANDARDS, S.A. RECYCLING HAS ALREADY SPENT OVER \$2 MILLION TO
2 INSTALL SPECIALIZED STORM WATER CAPTURE DEVICES AND FILTRATION
3 EQUIPMENT THAT CAPTURES AND FILTERS 100 PERCENT OF THE STORM
4 WATER ON SITE. WE HAVE ALSO SPENT UP TO \$15 MILLION COMPANY
5 WIDE ON OUR STORM WATER SYSTEMS. OUR LOS ANGELES HARBOR AND
6 OUR LONG BEACH HARBOR FACILITIES ARE ZERO DISCHARGE
7 FACILITIES, WHICH MEANS THEY EFFECTIVELY KEEP ALL STORM WATER
8 ON SITE FOR REUSE. IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, WE HAVE
9 INSTALLED AND MAINTAINED OVER 1 MILLION GALLONS OF WATER
10 STORAGE TANKS AND EXTENSIVE FILTRATION SYSTEMS. WE WILL
11 CONTINUE TO SPEND --

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SIR, THANK YOU FOR YOUR
14 TESTIMONY. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

15

16 **JEFF FARANO SR.:** THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MA'AM?

19

20 **CRISTINA DAVIS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SOUPS. MY NAME IS CRISTINA
21 DAVIS, AND I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE L.A.X. COASTAL AREA
22 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, REPRESENTING 550 BUSINESSES AND WE'RE
23 PART OF THE BIZFED COALITION. AS I ONLY HAVE ONE MINUTE, I
24 WILL GET STRAIGHT TO THE POINT. SPECIFIC TO THIS TAX INCREASE,
25 NO SPECIFIC PROJECTS ARE YET ENVISIONED AND THERE'S NO END TO



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1 THIS TAX WHICH GOES ON FOREVER, MEANING THAT THERE IS
2 EFFECTIVELY A MASSIVE SLUSH FUND SET UP WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT
3 OVERSIGHT. FURTHERMORE, THE METHODOLOGY USED FOR CALCULATING
4 RUNOFF IS FLAWED, PLACING THE BURDEN DISPROPORTIONATELY ON
5 SOME OTHER THAN OTHERS. THE ENTIRE PROCESS IS FLAWED. THE ODDS
6 OF GETTING 50 PERCENT PLUS ONE MAIL BACK RESPONSE TO ANYTHING
7 IS INFINITESIMAL. TAXES OF ANY KIND SHOULD ALL BE TREATED THE
8 SAME. PUT THEM ON THE BALLOT IF YOU THINK THEY ARE WORTHY. TO
9 USE THIS APPROACH IS TO KNOWINGLY AND INTENTIONALLY MISLEAD
10 OUR CITIZENS. THIS ILL-CONCEIVED PROPOSAL NEEDS TO BE
11 REVERSED. WE CALL ON YOU TO STOP THIS MEASURE. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SIR? THE RULES OF THE
14 BOARD DON'T PERMIT APPLAUSE. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
15 COOPERATION. SIR?

16

17 **JEFF WHEELER:** I'M JEFF WHEELER HERE REPRESENTING THE CHURCH OF
18 HOPE IN THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MEMBERS
19 OF THE BOARD, FOR YOUR EFFORTS TO PROMOTE CLEAN WATER. BUT WE
20 FORMALLY PROTEST THIS THE PARTICULAR FEE AND ORDINANCE. WHILE
21 THE OVERALL GOAL OF CLEAN WATER IS ADMIRABLE, THE PROPOSED
22 ORDINANCE IS SERIOUSLY FLAWED AND IS EXPECTED TO GENERATE A
23 COSTLY LEGAL BATTLE THAT JUST IS NOT NECESSARY. AS THE
24 ENCLOSED AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH I JUST SUBMITTED SHOWS --

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SERGEANT WOULD YOU CLOSE THE
2 REAR DOOR? THANK YOU.

3

4 **JEFF WHEELER:** AS ENCLOSED PHOTOGRAPH THAT I JUST SUBMITTED
5 SHOWS, THE PROPERTY IS PRIMARILY OPEN LAND WITH SURFACES OF
6 NATURAL GRASS AND A SMALL PORTION OF GRAVELED ROADWAY. THE
7 PROPERTY GENERATES VERY LITTLE STORM WATER RUNOFF AND NO
8 SIGNIFICANT POLLUTANT LOADS. THE AMOUNT OF IMPERVIOUS SURFACE
9 IS LESS THAN 15 PERCENT, AND THE FLAWED FEE CALCULATION
10 PROCEDURE ESTIMATES A SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF
11 IMPERVIOUS SURFACE AND CALCULATES AND PROPOSES AN ERRONEOUSLY
12 HIGH FEE OF \$2,752 EACH YEAR. THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE WILL NOT
13 PROVIDE ANY SERVICE THAT'S ACTUALLY USED --

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SIR, THANK YOU FOR YOUR
16 TESTIMONY. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MA'AM?

17

18 **JENNIFER AVELLAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON HONORABLE BOARD OF
19 SUPERVISORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS. MY NAME IS JENNIFER
20 AVELLAN. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF L.A.C.B.O.R.E. KNOWN AS L.A.
21 COUNTY BOARDS OF REAL ESTATE. L.A.C.B.O.R.E. IS FIRMLY OPPOSED
22 AT THIS PROPOSAL. THERE ARE 18 ASSOCIATIONS IN L.A. COUNTY AND
23 SEVERAL REASONS FOR THE OPPOSITION, IS BECAUSE THE COUNTY HAS
24 NOT PROVIDED THE PUBLIC AND PROPERTY OWNERS WITH SUFFICIENT
25 DETAILS ABOUT THE PROPOSED PROJECTS. HOW CAN THE COUNTY TAX



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1 PROPERTY OWNERS ABOUT 290 MILLION ANNUALLY WITHOUT GIVING THEM
2 ADEQUATE INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED PROJECTS? THE COUNTY HAS
3 A POOR TRACK RECORD IN CLEANING OUR WATERWAYS. MOST WATERSHEDS
4 IN OUR COUNTY DO NOT MEET WATER QUALITY STANDARDS DESPITE THE
5 FACT THE COUNTY SPENT MORE THAN 100 MILLION LAST YEAR ON CLEAN
6 WATER PROGRAMS. WHY SHOULD PROPERTY OWNERS ALLOW THE COUNTY TO
7 RAISE THEIR TAXES FURTHER TO PAY FOR MORE UNSUCCESSFUL
8 PROGRAMS? ALL VOTERS SHOULD HAVE A VOICE FOR THIS MEASURE, NOT
9 JUST PROPERTY OWNERS. WHY? BECAUSE ALL RESIDENTS IN THE COUNTY
10 WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE MEASURE IF IT PASSES. HIGHER EXPENSES
11 FOR PROPERTY OWNERS TRANSLATES TO HIGHER RENTS FOR TENANTS.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
14 NEXT SPEAKER, AFTER WHICH WE WILL HEAR FROM MARCIA HANSCOM,
15 PHILLIP NAZAROFF. ARTHUR PHOURDE, IN THAT ORDER.

16

17 **CYNTHIA KURTZ:** THANK YOU FOR CHANCE TO TESTIFY I'M CYNTHIA
18 KURTZ FROM THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP. WE
19 SUBMITTED A LETTER TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPRESENTING
20 THE PARTNERSHIP AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS IN THE
21 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY ASKING FOR A DELAY IN THE MEASURE THAT'S
22 BEFORE YOU TODAY. WE DO RECOGNIZE THAT CITIES AND COUNTIES
23 NEED TO IMPLEMENT NEW REQUIREMENTS. BUT THE LACK OF
24 INCENTIVES, THE LACK OF PROJECT LISTS, PROJECT CRITERIA AND
25 OTHER CONCERNS WITH THIS MEASURE WE BELIEVE NEED TO BE



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1 RESOLVED BEFORE THIS MEASURE SHOULD GO FORWARD. THERE IS A
2 BETTER SOLUTION. AND WE ARE DEDICATED TO WORKING WITH THE
3 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO FIND THAT SOLUTION. AND WE ASK
4 THAT YOU GIVE US THE TIME WE NEED IN ORDER TO DO THAT. THANK
5 YOU.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SIR?

8

9 **ANGEL CABRAL:** MY NAME IS ANGEL CABRAL. I REPRESENT THE
10 UNINCORPORATED PART OF SOUTH WHITTIER. I'M A PROPERTY OWNER. I
11 OWN MORE THAN 10 PARCELS. I LISTENED TO THE LADY THAT WAS THE
12 FIRST PRESENTER HERE FOR THIS THING, THAT SHE DID THIS, SHE
13 DID THAT. SHE'S CALLED IT A FEE. IT'S A TAX. WHAT CAN'T YOU
14 SEE THAT IT'S A TAX? PROPOSITION 13 BY HOWARD JARVIS SAID NO
15 TAXATION WITHOUT A REPRESENTATION OF THE VOTE OF THE MAJORITY
16 OF THE PEOPLE. [APPLAUSE.] YOU SUPERVISORS ARE LIKE THE SHEEP
17 HERDERS. YOU WERE ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE LOS ANGELES
18 COUNTY. YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO TAKE CARE OF THE FLOCK. GO BACK TO
19 AN OLD SAYING, "SILENCE OF THE LAMBS." SHE TRIED TO DO A REAL
20 GOOD JOB OF SILENCING THE PUBLIC BY SENDING OUT THIS MAILER.
21 IT WAS LIKE JUNK MAIL.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
24 TESTIMONY VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.] WE HAVE ADDITIONAL PERSONS
25 WISHING TO BE HEARD AND WE'D LIKE FOR YOU TO PROCEED NOW.



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2 **SPEAKER:** I BELIEVE I WAS LAST.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR NAME?

5

6 **SPEAKER:** I BELIEVE I WAS LAST.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM, PLEASE PROCEED. AFTER
9 WHICH WE'LL HEAR FROM TERRY DIPPLE, ANDREW CHATT AND MARIA
10 DAHDOUN, AND JONAS PETERSON. ALL RIGHT. WE'RE GOING TO PICK UP
11 THE PACE A LITTLE BIT. I KNOW THAT IT'S AROUND LUNCHTIME, BUT
12 THAT MEANS WE JUST ACCELERATE. ALL RIGHT? MA'AM?

13

14 **MARCIA HANSCOM:** GOOD MORNING. GOOD AFTERNOON HONORABLE
15 SUPERVISORS. MARSHA HANSCOM WITH THE WETLANDS DEFENSE FUND AND
16 THE BALLONA INSTITUTE. I HAVE BEEN IN LOVE WITH WETLANDS AND
17 PROTECTING THEM FOR 20 YEARS. AND I AM FOR CLEAN BEACHES AND
18 CLEAN WATER, BUT I AM COMPLETELY OPPOSED TO THIS MEASURE. THE
19 NEW NORMAL FOR GOVERNMENT AGENCIES SEEMS TO BE TO CALL
20 RESTORATION BULLDOZING OF WETLAND HABITAT MUCH LIKE WE SAW AT
21 SEPULVEDA BASIN WITH THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS RECENTLY. AND
22 THE NEXT TARGET THAT SOME OF THESE FOLKS HAVE IN MIND,
23 INCLUDING THE SANTA MONICA BAY COMMISSION IS THE, BALLONA
24 WETLANDS. NOW SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, WHO IS NO LONGER HERE, I
25 SAT IN HIS OFFICE IN 1999 WITH DON HENLEY OF THE EAGLES, AND



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1 HE SAID TO ME AT THAT TIME THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO DO WHATEVER
2 HE COULD TO HELP US SAVE THE WETLANDS, BUT HE COULD NOT
3 BECAUSE OF THE POLITICAL REALITIES AT THE TIME. WELL THE
4 MOMENT HAS COME FOR HIM TO HELP. AND I HOPE HIS STAFF WILL
5 TELL HIM THAT WE WOULD LIKE HIM TO EITHER DENY APPROVAL OF
6 THIS MEASURE OR REQUIRE THAT NO FUNDS FROM THIS MEASURE GO TO
7 ANY WETLAND HABITATS OR NATURAL AREAS INCLUDING SPECIFICALLY
8 THE HISTORICAL BALLONA WETLANDS.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

11

12 **MARCIA HANSCOM:** I'M SORRY?

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME HAS EX WIRED.

15

16 **MARCIA HANSCOM:** WELL MY IN-LAWS COULD NOT BE HERE EITHER. AND
17 THEY ARE ON FIXED INCOMES. THEY DO NOT SPEAK ENGLISH AS A
18 FIRST LANGUAGE. AND I AM PROTESTING ON THEIR BEHALF, TOO. AND
19 I WAS DISAPPOINTED TO HEAR THAT ONLY PROTESTS IN WRITING. NOW
20 HOW IS THAT WHEN THAT IS NOT WHAT WAS SAID ON THE NOTICE FOR
21 THIS HEARING? SO I AM PROTESTING FOR THEM AND SAYER STREET IN
22 SILMAR.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] SIR?

25



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1 **PHILLIP NAZAROFF:** PHILLIP NAZAROFF, WHITTIER. WE'RE SMALL
2 BUSINESS OWNERS AND WE'RE OPPOSED TO THE FEE. WE WOULD BE
3 FACING ABOUT \$3,000 IN NEW TAXES. AND LET'S CALL IT WHAT IT
4 IS, OKAY? IT'S A TAX. WE PROVIDE LOW INCOME HOUSING TO THE
5 COMMUNITY. WE IN FACT PROVIDE THE BEST, NICEST, CLEANEST
6 PLACES THESE PEOPLE CAN AFFORD. AND WE'VE BEEN HOLDING THE
7 LINE ON RENT INCREASES SINCE THE RECESSION BEGAN. THIS WILL
8 REPRESENT THE STRAW THAT BREAKS THE CAMEL'S BACK FOR US. AND
9 UNFORTUNATELY, OUR LOW INCOME RESIDENTS WILL BE BEARING THE
10 BRUNT OF THIS BURDEN. MANY PROPERTY OWNERS IN THIS COUNTY ARE
11 ON FIXED INCOMES. PEOPLE MADE CERTAIN TAX ASSUMPTIONS WHEN
12 THEY PURCHASED THEIR PROPERTY. AND TO ALL OF A SUDDEN CHANGE
13 THAT IS GOING TO REALLY AFFECT ELDERLY PEOPLE, RETIREES ON
14 FIXED INCOMES. IN ADDITION, THE HOUSING MARKET, IN CASE
15 EVERYONE DOESN'T KNOW, IS NOT DOING GREAT. SO LET'S THROW
16 ANOTHER TAX ON TOP OF THAT TO STYMIE THAT RECOVERY. THAT'S A
17 REAL GOOD IDEA, GUYS. MISS MOLINA SAYS THAT WE DON'T
18 UNDERSTAND THE CONSEQUENCES.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SIR, MAY I SAY THAT YOUR TIME
21 HAS EXPIRED AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

22

23 **PHILLIP NAZAROFF:** I DON'T KNOW THAT SHE UNDERSTANDS THE
24 CONSEQUENCES.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. SIR?

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3 **SPEAKER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, PRIOR TO STARTING, MAY I ASK IF THIS
4 CONTENT OF MY SPEECH HERE TODAY BE ENTERED INTO THE FULL
5 RECORD OF THIS HEARING?

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOU MAY BE ASSURED THAT SUCH IS
8 THE CASE. READ AS MUCH AS YOU CAN. TURN THE BALANCE OVER TO
9 THE SERGEANT. PROCEED.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** ALL RIGHT. MAY I HAVE MY TIME RESTARTED, PLEASE?

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WELL WE'LL CONSIDER IT, GO
14 AHEAD. START AGAIN.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** MEMBERS OF THE LOS ANGELES BOARD OF COUNTY
17 SUPERVISORS. HERE I AM COME BEFORE YOU THIS DAY TO VIGOROUSLY,
18 VEHEMENTLY, AND EXUBERANTLY PROTEST PROFOUNDLY THE ATTEMPT OF
19 THIS BODY TO RAPE THE POCKETS OF THE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY BY
20 ASKING FOR A NEW TAX. THE PROPOSAL YOU HAVE DECIDED TO PURSUE
21 HERE IS NOTHING MORE THAN A WAY TO AGGRAVATE AND EXACERBATE
22 THE PUBLIC'S TRUST, CONFIDENCE AND FAITH THAT YOU KNOW AND
23 RECOGNIZE THE CHAIRS YOU SIT IN ARE NOT YOURS BUT THEY ARE
24 OURS. [APPLAUSE.] THAT IS THE CHAIRS OF WE THE PEOPLE. IN THE
25 PAST, I HAVE COME TO THIS CHAMBER TO DEFEND THE COUNTY SEAL.



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1 AND WHEN I WAS HERE I SAW NOTHING WHICH SHOWED COURAGE TO
2 STAND WITH THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE. NO, INSTEAD I FOUND TWO OF
3 THE THREE SUPERVISORS HERE HAVE VOTED FOR THE CURRENT ISSUE
4 THAT BRINGS US HERE TODAY, CAVING INTO SPECIAL INTERESTS WHO
5 HAD AN AGENDA FOR THE COUNTY AT THE TIME. IT IS TIME FOR THIS
6 BODY OF ELECTED OFFICIALS TO STAND WITH THE WE THE PEOPLE FOR
7 ONCE AND HEAR OUR PASSIONATE PLEAS FOR SANITY IN GOVERNMENT
8 AND NOT IGNORE THIS BODY.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR
11 TESTIMONY.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** ALONG WITH CITIZENS WHO WILL BE DEEPLY IMPACTED BY
14 YOUR --

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. THANK YOU
17 VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE? SIR? THE FLOOR IS
18 YOURS. PLEASE PROCEED.

19

20 **MARIO CARRASCO:** WITH ALL DUE TO RESPECT TO THE BOARD OF
21 SUPERVISORS AND TO YOU MR. CHAIRMAN, MY NAME IS MARIO
22 CARRASCO, JUST A SIMPLE -- HOMEOWNER WHO HAS ACTUALLY MADE AN
23 AMERICAN DREAM POSSIBLE. AND I'M IN HERE TO PROTEST THE FACT
24 THAT THIS BOARD HAS ACTUALLY TAKEN UPON YOURSELVES TO MAKE A
25 DECISION IN SUCH A HOT ISSUE. I APPLAUD SO FAR TO MR.



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1 ANTONOVICH, MR. DON KNABE FOR OPPOSING THIS BUT I THINK THIS
2 SHOULD BE ACTUALLY LEFT ON A GENERAL ELECTION OF FULL BALLOT.
3 I WANT TO REMIND YOU, SIR, AS A U.S. CITIZEN, NATURALIZED U.S.
4 CITIZENS, WE ARE REQUIRED TO LEARN THE GOVERNMENT. AND IF I
5 DON'T REMEMBER RIGHT, WILL YOU PLEASE REPEAT THOSE WORDS IN
6 THE BACK OF THE WALL? THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE BY THE
7 PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE SHOULD NOT PERISH FROM THE EARTH.
8 LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE WHAT THEY WANT ON A GENERAL ELECTION. NO
9 TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION. THANK YOU, SIR.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SIR. ALL RIGHT. THANK
12 YOU. MA'AM, PLEASE. YOU CAN STAY RIGHT WHERE YOU ARE. THE
13 MICROPHONE IS GOOD WHERE YOU ARE.

14

15 **MARIA DAHDOUH:** MY NAME IS MARIA DAHDOUH. I'M A HOUSEWIFE. MY
16 HUSBAND, HE OWNS PROPERTY. I'M ON THE TITLE WITH HIM. I'M
17 SAYING THIS BECAUSE WE HAVE ENOUGH HARD TIMES AND VACANCY
18 FACTORS. CLEAN WATER IS FINE WHAT YOU GUYS SAYING, BUT FOR HOW
19 LONG YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE TAXES, MORE TAXES IN THESE
20 PROPERTIES AND INCLUDING MORE BILLS? REPRESENTATION THAT
21 DIDN'T SAY NO MORE TAXES. IN HERE YOU GUYS SENT US THE LITTLE
22 NOTE SAYING THAT MORE MONEY TO PAY? RIGHT NOW IN THIS
23 RECESSION TIME. EVEN \$99 IS EXPENSIVE FOR US FOR PROPERTY
24 OWNERS BECAUSE EVERYTHING IS TAXES AND MORE AND MORE BILLS TO



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1 PAY WATER. AND MORE BILLS TO PAY GAS. I THINK IT'S ENOUGH.
2 ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
5 TESTIMONY, MA'AM. ALL RIGHT. SIR, THE FLOOR IS YOURS, PLEASE
6 PROCEED.

7

8 **ANDREW CHATT:** ANDREW CHATT, MOBILE HOME PARK OWNER. I'M
9 DROWNING IN FEES, NOT STORM WATER. [LAUGHTER.] I PAY FEES,
10 TOO.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WAIT A MINUTE, NOW. I'VE ALREADY
13 ADMONISHED ONE SPEAKER FOR COMING IN HERE AND HAVING BETTER
14 LINES THAN A MEMBER OF THE BOARD. NOW, ANYBODY ELSE WHO DOES
15 THAT, YOU WON'T BE PERMITTED TO SPEAK. PROCEED, SIR.

16

17 **ANDREW CHATT:** YOU HAD A GOOD LINE EARLIER. YOU CAME BACK.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, YOU CAN GO ON, THEN.
20 GIVE HIM FIVE MINUTES. HE CAN TALK FIVE MINUTES NOW. GO AHEAD.
21 [LAUGHTER.] PROCEED.

22

23 **ANDREW CHATT:** I PAY FEES TO THE RENT CONTROL BOARD TO TELL ME
24 I CAN'T PASS THESE FEES ON TO MY RESIDENTS. SO IT MAKES IT
25 REALLY HARD TO RUN THE PARK. WE'RE A FEW FEES AWAY FROM



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1 BANKRUPTCY. AND THE THING IS, WE LEACH OUR STORM WATER INTO
2 THE GROUND. SO WE WANT A FORM TO APPEAL THE ASSESSMENT BECAUSE
3 WE FEEL IT'S UNFAIR WHEN WE'RE LEACHING A LOT OF OUR STORM
4 WATER BACK INTO THE GROUND. THAT'S ALL I WOULD LIKE TO SAY.
5 THANK YOU FOR THE TIME YOU GAVE ME.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR
8 TESTIMONY. ALL RIGHTY. GENTLEMEN?

9

10 **PETER LIN:** THIS IS PETER LIN. I'M A CONCERNED CITIZEN OF LOS
11 ANGELES COUNTY.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES, SIR.

14

15 **PETER LIN:** I MOVE INTO LOS ANGELES COUNTY 20 YEARS AGO FROM
16 HAWAII. I THINK THIS WOULD BE A GREAT CITY TO LIVE. FOR THE
17 LAST 20 YEARS FOR SO MANY TIMES I BRING MY KID TO THE OCEAN,
18 TO THE BEACH. AND UNFORTUNATELY WHEN WE DRIVE ONE HOUR TO THE
19 BEACH, THE POSTS SAY THERE THE WATER QUALITY IS NO GOOD,
20 UNSUITABLE FOR SWIMMING. SO WE WERE SO DISAPPOINTED, HAD TO GO
21 BACK HOME. SO I THINK THIS CLEAN WATER FEE IS REALLY
22 NECESSARY. BUT WE HAVE TO SET UP A CRITERIA WITH THE POST THE
23 WATER QUALITY OF -- EVERY YEAR SHOW US HOW TO IMPROVE THE
24 WATER QUALITY. IF YOU ARE NOT DOING A GOOD JOB, NEXT YEAR
25 WE'LL STOP THIS CLEAN WATER FEE RIGHT AWAY.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR
3 TESTIMONY. RIGHT AWAY. ALL RIGHT. PROCEED.

4

5 **JONAS PETERSON:** CHAIR RIDLEY-THOMAS, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY
6 NAME IS JONAS PETERSON. PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF THE SANTA
7 CLARITA VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. OUR
8 ORGANIZATION REPRESENTS MAJOR EMPLOYERS THROUGHOUT SANTA
9 CLARITA VALLEY. AND WE JOIN THE BIZFED COALITION IN OPPOSITION
10 TO THIS MEASURE AS IT'S CURRENTLY WRITTEN. WE URGE YOU TO
11 DELAY ACTION UNTIL THE MANY ISSUES YOU'VE HEARD THIS MORNING
12 CAN BE ADDRESSED. IN PARTICULAR, MANY OF THE BUSINESS OWNERS,
13 PROPERTY OWNERS IN SANTA CLARITA ALREADY PAY A SIMILAR, IF NOT
14 DUPLICATIVE TAX. THERE'S NO SUNSET CLAUSE WRITTEN INTO THE
15 CURRENT MEASURE. AND THE PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED ARE UNCLEAR.
16 FOR THESE REASONS, WE BELIEVE THAT THIS MEASURE WOULD
17 NEGATIVELY IMPACT OUR REGION'S ABILITY TO GROW NEW JOBS. AND
18 WE URGE YOU TO DELAY ACTION ON THIS MEASURE. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
21 JONAS PETERSON. ROSALYN COLLIER. PLEASE COME FORWARD. TERESA
22 MARQUEZ AND RAY BILLET OR BILLET. IF THE FOUR OF YOU WOULD
23 COME FORWARD AND DO SO IMMEDIATELY WE WOULD BE APPRECIATIVE.
24 BILL HOOEY. MARY JOHNSON. GREG KIMURA. ARE THOSE PERSONS HERE?
25 IF YOU WOULD JUST LET US KNOW THAT YOU ARE HERE. WE ARE



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1 BEGINNING TO PICK UP THE PACE AT THIS POINT. ALL RIGHT. JACK
2 ROLSTON. JANET CLARK. BILL ROBINSON. RALPH SHAFFER. LADIES AND
3 GENTLEMEN, THE FLOOR IS YOURS. PLEASE PROCEED WITH YOUR
4 TESTIMONY. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. MA'AM? HE'S A GENTLEMAN. WE
5 PREFER YOU.

6

7 **RAY BILLET:** MY NAME IS RAY BILLET FROM ACTON TOWN COUNCIL. I
8 REPRESENT THE TOWN COUNCIL.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES, SIR.

11

12 **RAY BILLET:** WE PROPOSE AGAINST THIS. WE'VE HAD A VOTE AND WE
13 OPPOSE THE FEES ON THIS. AND WE LIVE IN A RURAL DISTRICT. WE
14 ARE AT THE HEAD OF THE RIVER. AND WE FEEL THAT WE'RE BEING
15 TARGETED. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
18 ALL RIGHT. ANYONE WHO WISHES?

19

20 **TERESA MARQUEZ:** MY NAME IS TERESA MARQUEZ AND I LIVE IN BOYLE
21 HEIGHTS IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. AND WHEN WE -- I RECEIVED
22 THIS NOTICE AROUND DECEMBER THE 20TH OR AFTER, AND DID NOT
23 GIVE US ENOUGH TIME TO NOTIFY EVERYBODY ELSE IN THE COMMUNITY.
24 MOST, WE DID GO TO A FEW MEETINGS TO LET THEM KNOW, AND THEY
25 HAD THROWN IT AWAY. THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WE WERE TALKING



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1 ABOUT. THE BOYLE, I'M AFFILIATED WITH BOYLE HEIGHTS
2 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL. AND WE ALSO REQUESTED THESE PAMPHLETS IN
3 SPANISH. AND I GOT THEM THE DAY BEFORE OUR MEETING OF JANUARY
4 8. THE OTHER THING IS THAT THERE WAS NO SPANISH VERSION OF
5 THIS PAMPHLET ANY PLACE THAT WE COULD GET. I HAD TO CALL IN TO
6 GET, AND I GOT ONLY 50. SO IF YOU COULD IMAGINE IF PEOPLE THAT
7 SPEAK ENGLISH COULD NOT UNDERSTAND ALL THIS, THE PEOPLE THAT
8 DON'T SPEAK ENGLISH, WHAT ARE THEY SUPPOSED TO DO? [APPLAUSE.]
9 AND I OPPOSE THIS FEE, DEFINITELY.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MA'AM.

12

13 **TERESA MARQUEZ:** AND JUST ONE MORE THING. THE CITY OF LOS
14 ANGELES IS ALREADY CHARGING US \$85 IN EVERY BILL OF DEPARTMENT
15 OF WATER AND POWER. SO PLEASE SEND MY BILL TO THEM.
16 [LAUGHTER.]

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. ALL RIGHT.
19 THANK YOU.

20

21 **BILL HOOEY:** GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
22 BILL HOOEY. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF FAIR HOUSING COALITION --
23 FAIR HOUSING COALITION.COM. ALREADY WE ARE SOME OF THE HIGHEST
24 TAXED PEOPLE IN AMERICA. DOESN'T ANYBODY REMEMBER THAT? I
25 MEAN, WE ARE SOME OF THE HIGHEST TAXED PEOPLE IN THE COUNTRY.



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1 ALSO THE NOTICE THAT WENT OUT WAS MISLEADING. IT WASN'T VERY
2 TRANSPARENT. IT LOOKS LIKE A PIECE OF JUNK MAIL. AND MANY
3 LANDLORDS THAT I TALKED TO DIDN'T REALIZE THAT THAT MESSAGE
4 WAS IN THE NOTICE. AND THIRDLY, BECAUSE OF SOME VERY UNFAIR
5 LAWS WRITTEN BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF L.A. WHILE SOME OF YOU
6 WERE ON THE COUNCIL, WE CAN'T PASS THROUGH THESE EXTRA TAXES
7 TO OUR RESIDENTS PROPORTIONALLY. THE WHOLE THING IS VERY, VERY
8 UNFAIR AND I WISH ANYBODY WHO AGREES WITH ME JUST STAND UP FOR
9 A SECOND SO THEY CAN SEE YOU UP HERE. IT'S GOT TO BE FAIR FOR
10 EVERYBODY. [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. THANK YOU. WE
13 KNOW THAT THIS IS MARTIN LUTHER KING'S BIRTHDAY. AND IT SEEMS
14 TO ME THAT THERE ARE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE PREPARED TO ENGAGE IN
15 NONVIOLENT DIRECT ACTION HERE TODAY. [LAUGHTER.] YOU KNOW,
16 THERE'S A LITTLE CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE. I HAVE ASKED REPEATEDLY
17 NO CLAPPING. YOU CLAP ANYWAY. YOU CAN'T STAND AND SHOW SIGNS
18 AND YOU DO THAT AS YOU WISH. I DIDN'T KNOW THERE WERE SO MANY
19 DEVOTEES OF DR. KING SHOWING UP TODAY. BUT I SEE THAT YOU ARE
20 HERE. [APPLAUSE.] WE LOVE DR. KING, BUT WE NEED TO MAINTAIN
21 ORDER IN THIS CHAMBER. PROCEED.

22

23 **GREG KIMURA:** HELLO, MY NAME IS GREG KIMURA. MR. THOMAS AND THE
24 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I THANK YOU FOR HAVING THIS HEARING. I'M
25 THE PRESIDENT OF THE VAL VERDE CIVIC ASSOCIATION, ALSO A



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1 MEMBER OF THE VAL VERDE C.B.F.C. AND THE C.A.T.C. ELECT. AS A
2 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE OF OUR COMMUNITY, I SPEAK FOR THE
3 RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS. AND WE FORMALLY OPPOSE THIS
4 FEE. MY COMMUNITY IS ALREADY HAVING FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES AND
5 THE ADDITIONAL FEE WILL DEFINITELY HAVE AN IMPACT ON THEM. IF
6 THE PROPONENTS OF THIS FEEL THAT IT'S THAT IMPORTANT, MY
7 RECOMMENDATION IS, WHY NOT SHIFT FUNDS FROM LESS IMPORTANT
8 PROGRAMS VERSUS TAKING MORE MONEY FROM RESIDENTS, SCHOOLS AND
9 BUSINESSES. THIS IS ABOUT THE PEOPLE. THIS IS ABOUT US, THE
10 PEOPLE. I ASK YOU TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE PEOPLE WHO
11 HAVE TAKEN THE TIME OUT OF THEIR BUSY SCHEDULE TODAY TO LET
12 YOU KNOW HOW THEY FEEL. IT'S OBVIOUS THAT THIS IS IMPORTANT TO
13 THEM. AND AS THE GENTLEMAN SAID BEFORE, ON YOUR WALL IT DOES
14 SAY GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE
15 PEOPLE. THANK YOU.

16
17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
18 SIR? THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

19
20 **WARREN ROHN:** YES. WARREN ROHN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LOS
21 ANGELES COUNTY BOARDS OF REAL ESTATE, ALSO KNOWN AS
22 L.A.C.B.O.R.E. L.A.C.B.O.R.E. WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL FIVE
23 SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT. THE REAL ESTATE
24 MARKET, AS WE ALL KNOW, IS RECOVERING. WE DON'T WANT TO DAMPEN
25 THAT RECOVERY. THE REAL ESTATE MARKET HAS RIPPLES. WE CREATE



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1 JOBS THROUGHOUT THE BUILDING INDUSTRY, HOME DECORATORS,
2 PLUMBERS, ELECTRICIANS, EVEN HANDYMEN AND GARDENERS. WE HOPE
3 THAT WE CAN GET THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF ALL FIVE SUPERVISORS
4 BY OPPOSING THIS EGREGIOUS AND DRACONIAN TAX.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR
7 TESTIMONY. WE WILL NOW PROCEED TO YOU, MA'AM.

8

9 **JANET CLARK:** JANET CLARK. I AM OPPOSED TO THE FEE,
10 PARTICULARLY AS A PROPERTY TAX. BUT IF IT IS PRESENTED IN AN
11 ELECTION, I WOULD HOPE THAT IT WILL INCLUDE AN EXEMPTION FOR
12 SENIOR CITIZENS. AND I'D ALSO LIKE TO SAY THAT I THINK YOU
13 COULD GET AT LEAST \$200 MILLION FROM STOPPING WHAT IS WELL
14 KNOWN TO BE THE RAMPANT ENTITLEMENT FRAUD. THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
17 SIR?

18

19 **BILL ROBINSON:** GOOD MORNING, BILL ROBINSON OF WEST COVINA.
20 YOUR MAILED NOTICE OF THIS HEARING WAS CONFUSING AND
21 AMBIGUOUS. PLEASE, SUPERVISORS, OPPOSE THIS UNFUNDED MANDATE.
22 I BELIEVE IN THE VIRTUE OF A FRUGAL BUDGETING AND PAY-AS-YOU-
23 GO SPENDING PRACTICE OF GOVERNMENT. I HAVE NO QUARREL WITH HOW
24 THE NEW REVENUE IS PROPOSED TO BE SPENT. LET IT COME OUT OF
25 U.S. E.P.A. OR D.O.D. BUT I DO QUESTION THE PROCESS AND



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1 LEGALITY OF HOW THE REVENUE IS BEING RAISED. THE HOWARD JARVIS
2 TAX ORGANIZATION NEEDS TO BE CONSULTED. PROP 218, THE BIG HORN
3 DECISION AND SIMILAR LINE OF CASE LAW PRECEDENT NEEDS TO BE
4 CONSULTED. AND THIS PROCESS NEEDS TO BE CHECKED AND VERIFIED
5 BY A COURT OF LAW. WHAT IS THE LEGAL DEFINITION OF THIS CLEAN
6 WATER FEE? OR IS IT A FLOOD CONTROL FEE? YOUR MAILED NOTICE
7 MATERIAL IS AMBIGUOUS ON THIS POINT. ADDITIONALLY, THE
8 ENGINEERING REPORT WHICH FORMS THE BASIS OF PROPERTY FEE
9 CALCULATION --

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

12

13 **BILL ROBINSON:** -- IS FLAWED BECAUSE IT DOESN'T --

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED.

16

17 **BILL ROBINSON:** I NEED THE REST OF MY TESTIMONY TO BE SENT TO
18 YOUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S FINE. YOU CAN SIMPLY
21 SUBMIT IT TO THE SERGEANT. IT WILL BE APPROPRIATELY
22 TRANSMITTED.

23

24 **BILL ROBINSON:** THIS IS A RAILROAD JOB.

25



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** I DOUBT THAT VERY SERIOUSLY, SIR.

2 WE APPRECIATE YOUR BEING HERE. NOW, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

3

4 **MARY JOHNSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARY JOHNSON AND I'M

5 A MEMBER OF THE AGUA DULCE TOWN COUNCIL. OUT IN AGUA DULCE,

6 WE'RE RURAL. WE DON'T HAVE PIPED IN WATER. WE DON'T HAVE PIPED

7 IN SEWER. WE HAVE WELLS. AND THE GROUND WATER, THAT RAIN WATER

8 THAT COMES IN IS SO VALUABLE TO US BECAUSE THAT PERCOLATES

9 DOWN, BACK LIKE IT ALL USED TO BE DONE, PERCOLATES DOWN AND WE

10 USE THAT FOR OUR DRINKING WATER. WITH OUR SEPTIC SYSTEMS, SAME

11 THING. WE DON'T HAVE PIPED-IN SEWER SYSTEMS. BECAUSE OF THAT,

12 WE'RE VERY CAREFUL ABOUT EXACTLY WHAT WE DO WITH OUR WATER

13 RUNOFF. VERY LITTLE OF OUR RURAL AREA IS PAVED. AND WE ARE PUT

14 IN THE SAME CATEGORY AS THE PAVED AREAS AND THE METROPOLITAN

15 AREAS. SO THE FEE METHODOLOGY IS REALLY NOT EQUITABLE TO OUR

16 AREA.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR

19 TESTIMONY. AND WE'LL PROCEED TO THE NEXT PERSON WISHING TO BE

20 HEARD. THANK YOU.

21

22 **DAVID CLARK:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DAVID CLARK.

23 I'M THE MANAGING MEMBER OF AN ENTITY CALLED C.N.B. CENTER

24 POINT PARTNERS, AND IN 2005 WE BUILT A BUSINESS PARK IN SANTA

25 CLARITA. WE BUILT HOMES FOR BUSINESSES. AND WE STRONGLY



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1 OBJECT, BASED ON THE FACTS THAT ONE, WE ALREADY HAVE DONE AND
2 CONTINUE TO DO OUR SHARE TO MEET THE CLEAN WATER GUIDELINES
3 AND TWO WE ARE ALREADY BEING TAXED. SPECIFICALLY DURING THE
4 DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION, WE'VE INSTALLED FILTERED CATCH
5 BASINS. WE'VE PAID ADDITIONAL FEES FOR THIS. WE HAVE PAID FOR
6 SWEAT MANUALS TO BE PREPARED. DURING CONSTRUCTION, WE HAD TO
7 DO A LOT OF UNDERGROUND PIPING TO MAKE THIS WORK. SINCE
8 COMPLETION, WE PAY ANNUAL FEES TO MAINTAIN OUR STORM WATER
9 PERMIT. WE CONTINUE TO PAY ONGOING MAINTENANCE. LAST YEAR WE
10 PAID \$3,000 FOR REPLACEMENTS AND MAINTENANCE OF OUR FILTERS.
11 ALSO THE ENGINEERING FOR THE PROGRAM IS FLAWED. THE
12 ENGINEERING DESIGN BASED ON THE PAMPHLET SAYS IT'S BASED ON
13 LOT SIZE. WE'RE IN A TERRACED PARK WHERE UP TO HALF OF OUR
14 PARCELS ARE SLOPE AND/OR OPEN SPACE, WHICH CERTAINLY SHOULD
15 NOT BE TAXED. AND LASTLY IT JUST RAISES THE TAX BURDEN TOO
16 MUCH. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MAUREEN ALBRECHT.
19 DALE SHOEMAKER. PHILLIP ANGERHOFER. AND EARIS VAILS, IF YOU
20 WOULD COME FORWARD, WE WILL APPRECIATE IT. NOW AFTER WE'VE
21 HEARD FROM ALL OF THE NAMES THAT I'VE CALLED, LET THE RECORD
22 REFLECT THAT WE HAVE APPROXIMATELY 100 MORE SPEAKERS TO BE
23 HEARD. THANK YOU. PROCEED.

24



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1 **STEVE TYE:** THANK YOU, CHAIRMAN. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR
2 THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. MY NAME IS STEVE TYE, I'M A
3 COUNCIL MEMBER FROM THE CITY OF DIAMOND BAR. DO YOU REMEMBER
4 AS I DO THE ACADEMY AWARD WINNING MOVIE NETWORK? DO YOU
5 REMEMBER PETER FINCH'S CHARACTER HOWARD BEAL DELIVERS THE
6 MEMORABLE LINE, "I'M MAD AS HELL AND I'M NOT GOING TO TAKE IT
7 ANYMORE?" WELL I'M HERE TO TELL YOU WE'RE MAD AS HELL ABOUT
8 THIS ILL-ADVISED EFFORT TO IMPLEMENT A FEE. DIAMOND BAR IS
9 OPPOSED TO THE MEASURE AS CONSTITUTED AND ENCOURAGES THE BOARD
10 TO UTILIZE THE REGULAR BALLOT PROCESS. YOU'VE NOTIFIED THE
11 PUBLIC WITH A MAILER THAT LOOKS LIKE JUNK MAIL. I UNDERSTAND
12 WHY YOU WOULD DO THIS. WE HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO
13 THINGS LIKE THIS BEFORE, WE TURNED DOWN THAT OPPORTUNITY. YOUR
14 CONSULTANTS HAVE TOLD YOU IT WOULD PROVIDE THE BEST CHANCE OF
15 PASSAGE OF THIS EFFORT. ON THE FRONT IT SAYS OFFICIAL NOTICE
16 TO PROPERTY OWNERS OF A PUBLIC HEARING. YOU COULD SEND IT OUT
17 EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK. IT DOESN'T MENTION ANYTHING ABOUT A FEE
18 UNTIL YOU GET INSIDE. I RECOMMEND THAT YOU PUT THIS TO A VOTE
19 OF ALL REGISTERED VOTERS, NOT JUST PROPERTY OWNERS. THANK YOU
20 FOR YOUR TIME.

21
22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, SIR.
23 SIR, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

24
25 **STEVE HANSON:** GOOD MORNING.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM, YOU CAN JUST --

3

4 **STEVE HANSON:** STEVE HANSON ON BEHALF OF THE LAKEWOOD
5 ACCOUNTABILITY ACTION GROUP. WE HAVE PUT ALL OF OUR QUESTIONS,
6 2-1/2 PAGES OF QUESTIONS, ABOUT THIS ITEM ON OUR WEB PAGE,
7 WHICH IS AT LAAG.US. THEY WERE ALSO SENT TO THE SUPERVISORS. I
8 REALIZE THAT THIS IS A PROPOSITION 218 SITUATION. AND I DO
9 THINK THAT IT SHOULD BE PUT TO A POPULAR VOTE AND NOT UTILIZE
10 PROPOSITION 218. PROPOSITION 218 WAS ACTUALLY PUT ON THE
11 BALLOT IN 1996 BY THE HOWARD JARVIS TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION. AND
12 IT SAYS THAT THE PROVISIONS OF 218 SHALL BE LIBERALLY
13 CONSTRUED TO EFFECTUATE ITS PURPOSES OF LIMITING LOCAL
14 GOVERNMENT REVENUE AND ENHANCING TAXPAYER CONSENT. AND I THINK
15 THE 218 IS BASICALLY BEING TURNED ON ITS HEAD WITH THIS
16 PARTICULAR MEASURE THAT THE COUNTY IS TRYING TO PASS. I DON'T
17 HAVE ANYTHING ELSE.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
20 MA'AM, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

21

22 **EARIS VAILS:** THANKS. MY NAME IS EARIS VAILS. I'M HERE AGAINST
23 THIS \$54 BECAUSE YOU HAVE TWO GENERAL FUND BUDGETS. YOU HAVE A
24 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND AND YOU HAVE A REVENUE BOND WHICH MOST
25 OF THESE PARKS AND RECREATION AND THINGS COME OUT OF. THEN YOU



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1 ALSO, I THINK, D.W.P. HAS A PET PROJECT. THEY HAVE 25 MILLION
2 THEY WANT TO DO FOR THE ELYSIAN RESERVOIR. THEY HAVE 319
3 MILLION THEY WANT DO FOR THE HEAD WORKS. THEN THEY HAVE 800
4 MILLION THEY WANT TO DO TO PHASE OUT THE ARIZONA BASE. AND I
5 JUST CAN'T SEE OR UNDERSTAND WHY YOU GUYS KEEP LETTING D.W.P.
6 GO UP LIKE IT DOES. I GOT A RATE INCREASE OF 20 CENTS. MY
7 INSURANCE WENT FROM \$10 TO \$20 FOR MY COPAY. SO THEREFORE,
8 THEY HAVE ALREADY TAKEN MY RAISE. SO WHAT YOU GUYS ARE STEADY
9 DOING, YOU'RE NOT HELPING. AND THEN ON TOP OF THAT,
10 VILLARAIGOSA AND A PERSON NAMED KEELEY, THEY HAVE A BILL ON
11 THE BOOKS, AND THAT'S AB.18 FOR YOU GUYS TO GET TAXES. YOU
12 GUYS GET TAXES EVERY DOGGONE YEAR. YOU GUYS NEED TO STOP THIS.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
15 TESTIMONY. ALL RIGHT.

16

17 **BILL SHOEMAKER:** BILL SHOEMAKER SIERRA MADRE. THIS PROPOSAL IS
18 EXTREMELY FLAWED, BOTH IN THE ENGINEERING AND IN THE TAX
19 MECHANISM. QUITE FRANKLY, WHAT I'VE SEEN OF THE PROPOSAL IS
20 CRAP, TO PUT IT POLITELY. THOSE AT SCAGS HAVE ALLEGED THAT
21 SIERRA MADRE IS WASTING LAND FOR PERC BASINS IN CITY. AND WHAT
22 WE NEED IS MORE OF THEM IN THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE. I WOULDN'T,
23 GIVEN THE ACTIVITIES OF THAT ORGANIZED CRIMINAL ENTERPRISE
24 THAT SOME CALL THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, I WOULDN'T



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1 TRUST THEM EVEN ONE 65,536TH AS FAR AS I COULD THROW THE STATE
2 CAPITOL.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

5

6 **BILL SHOEMAKER:** AND DO IT CONFIDENTLY.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR
9 TESTIMONY, SIR. LYNNE EBENKAMP. FRANK ROMERO? JUTTA BONGHER.
10 DON HENRY. IN THAT ORDER, PLEASE. I AM GOING TO EXPECT TO HEAR
11 FROM THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS AFTERWARDS, NAMELY MARCO
12 ROBLES, YOLANDA MOREHEAD, EVA RALEIGH. DEANN JOYCE. ARE THOSE
13 PERSONS HERE? AND IF SO, PLEASE MAKE YOUR WAY TO THE
14 MICROPHONE. MA'AM, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

15

16 **LYNNE EBENKAMP:** THANK YOU. I'M LYNNE EBENKAMP FROM ROWLAND
17 HEIGHTS. AND THE TERM HOODWINKED IS A TERM I HAVEN'T USED FOR
18 A LONG TIME COMES TO MIND. AS GLORIA MOLINA POINTED OUT, THIS
19 HAS BEEN RUSHED. WE HAVEN'T HAD ADEQUATE INFORMATION. IF THE
20 COUNTY WANTED US TO HAVE INFORMATION THAT WE HAD TO VOTE ON AN
21 INCREASED FEE THAT HAD TO DO WITH OUR PROPERTY, WHY WASN'T IT
22 PUT IN OUR TAX BILL? IT CAME OUT AT ABOUT THE SAME TIME.
23 THERE'S A SECOND PROPERTY BILL THAT COMES OUT IN APRIL. YOU
24 KNOW, THAT WOULD SAVE US POSTAGE. IT WOULD JUST DO A LOT OF
25 THINGS. AND PEOPLE WOULD NOT THROW THAT AWAY BECAUSE THEY



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1 DON'T THROW THEIR PROPERTY BILLS AWAY. [APPLAUSE.] THE COUNTY
2 NEEDS TO THINK THIS THROUGH, DO THE RIGHT THING AND NOT BE IN
3 SUCH A BIG HURRY WHEN EVERYBODY'S LIVELIHOOD IS AT STAKE.
4 THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SIR?

7

8 **DON HENRY:** MY NAME IS DON HENRY, MR. CHAIRMAN, HONORABLE
9 SUPERVISORS AND STAFF, AS PRESIDENT OF THE AGUA DULCE COUNCIL,
10 I WANT TO ADDRESS THIS MEASURE ON THEIR BEHALF. THE RESIDENTS
11 OF AGUA DULCE ARE VEHEMENTLY OPPOSED TO THIS PROPOSED TAX. FEW
12 OF THE CONCERNS ARE: LOCAL BUSINESSES AND NONPROFITS CANNOT
13 AFFORD THE ANNUAL ADDITIONAL TAX OR FEE. AN EXAMPLE OF ONE OF
14 THE LOCAL AGRICULTURE RELATED BUSINESS THAT SELLS ALFALFA WAS
15 HIT WITH A TAX OR FEE IN EXCESS OF \$25,000. WHEN HE GOT HIS
16 BILL, HE SAID, "WHAT THE HAY?"

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT THE HAY, YEAH.

19

20 **DON HENRY:** OUR ACTON AGUA DULCE SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS AT LEAST
21 FIVE PROPERTIES. WE DO NOT WANT TO SEE THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO
22 BE BURDENED WITH AN ANNUAL ADDITIONAL TAX OR FEE TAKING AWAY
23 VALUABLE RESOURCES FROM EDUCATION. THERE WILL BE A LOSS OF
24 PROPERTY VALUE AS A RESULT OF THE ANNUAL ADDITIONAL TAX OR
25 FEE. THE PROPOSED MEASURE IN ITS CURRENT FORM WILL HAVE



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1 SERIOUS FINANCIAL IMPACT ON INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES IN OUR
2 COMMUNITY. THEREFORE WE URGE YOU TO REJECT THIS MEASURE. THANK
3 YOU FOR HEARING.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
6 MA'AM?

7

8 **DEANN JOYCE:** HI, MY NAME IS DEANN JOYCE AND I LIVE IN ROWLAND
9 HEIGHTS AND I WANT TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR OPENING THIS UP
10 TO US. I THINK THAT IT'S NOT FAIR TO JUST TAX OR FEE PROPERTY
11 OWNERS BECAUSE IT'S MORE THAN JUST THE PROPERTY OWNERS THAT DO
12 THE POLLUTING. IT'S THE RUNOFF OF THE STREETS. AND I THINK
13 THAT IT'S JUST IMPORTANT TO SAY NO TO THIS RIGHT NOW. THANK
14 YOU.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SIR?

17

18 **MARCO ROBLES:** MY NAME IS MARCO ROBLES. I'M WITH ROWLAND
19 HEIGHTS. I'VE BEEN HERE SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE. I'D LIKE TO SAY
20 FIRST OF ALL, THAT I RARELY AGREE WITH SUPERVISOR MOLINA, BUT
21 IN THIS CASE I DO. THE COUNTY HAS JUST BRIEFLY STARTED TO
22 INVESTIGATE THIS THING. AND SHE JUST TOUCHED ON THE TIP OF THE
23 ICEBERG AS FAR AS THE WORK THAT HAS TO BE DONE AS FAR AS
24 INFORMING PEOPLE. WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS
25 THAT HAVE PRESENTED THEIR CASE HERE, I FIRMLY STAND BEHIND



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1 THEM. BUT ONE WOULD ASK IF THEY ARE GOING TO BE TAXED, THAT'S
2 TERRIBLE. IF THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BE TAXED, WHAT DOES THAT DO
3 TO THE \$54 THAT SAYS IT'S A TYPICAL FEE AMOUNT? THAT MEANS
4 THAT SOME PEOPLE ARE GOING TO GET A LOT MORE THAN THIS. SOME
5 MAY GET A LITTLE LESS THAN THIS CHARGE. SO A LOT MORE WORK HAS
6 TO BE DONE. ALSO, IN CLOSING, I'M LOOKING HERE AT THE BRIEF
7 THAT WAS SUBMITTED TO US HERE DOWN AT ELIGIBLE EXPENDITURES.
8 THE VERY FIRST BULLET SAYS WATER QUALITY PROJECTS. THAT'S VERY
9 NEBULOUS. WHAT DOES ALL THAT MEAN?

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **MARCO ROBLES:** JUST TIP OF THE ICEBERG. AND LASTLY.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** TIP OF THE ICEBERG, YOUR TIME
16 HAS EXPIRED. SIR?

17

18 **MARCO ROBLES:** STORM WATER CAPTURE. WHAT DOES FLOOD CONTROL DO
19 NOW?

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
22 MA'AM.

23

24 **EVA RALEIGH:** MY NAME IS EVA RALEIGH. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF
25 LAKE PARK LA MIRADA. WE ARE A MANUFACTURED HOUSING COMMUNITY



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1 IN THIS COUNTY. AND WE PROVIDE HOUSING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS,
2 AFFORDABLE HOUSING. AND WE ALREADY PAY THE HIGHEST TAXES IN
3 THE AREA. WE ARE OPPOSED TO THIS. THESE FEES ARE GOING TO BE
4 IMPOSED ON YOUR SENIORS. IT'S NOT JUST BEING IMPOSED ON THE
5 PROPERTY OWNERS. WE'RE ALREADY PAYING SUCH HIGH TAXES WE CAN'T
6 AFFORD TO CONTINUE TO BE TAXED OR WHAT DO YOU WANT TO CALL IT,
7 ANNUAL FEE? IT IS A TAX. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WE DID CALL SEVERAL
10 OTHER PERSONS. FRANK RIZZI. JOE SORRENTI. JOHN GRANT. ROY
11 MARSON. ARE THOSE INDIVIDUALS STILL HERE? ALL RIGHT. DOCTOR
12 GENEVA POTTER. ADELE ANDRADE-STADLER. JUDY CLARK. JIM CLARK.
13 GLORIA VILLADOLID. ANN TRUSSELL. PAUL MORGAN. DONNA GANNON.
14 LILLIAN SMITH. CARMEN VILLA. MARILYN KAMIMURA. OKAY. I'M
15 LOOKING FOR FOUR SEATS TO BE FILLED HERE. IN THE MEANTIME SIR,
16 PLEASE PROCEED.

17

18 **JOE SORRENTI:** MY NAME IS JOE SORRENTI. AND I'M A CONCERNED
19 CITIZEN. I GOT THIS IN THE MAIL, TOO. I THOUGHT IT WAS JUNK
20 MAIL. I GOT THREE OF THEM. I THREW ONE AWAY. HOW ABOUT THAT?
21 BECAUSE I DIDN'T REALIZE IT UNTIL AFTER THE FACT. ALL RIGHT.
22 THAT BEING SAID, THE THING THAT I WANT TO SAY HERE IS THAT,
23 LOOK, WE ALREADY GOT A TAX FOR FLOOD CONTROL HERE AND STORM
24 DRAIN? AND NOT ONLY THAT, BUT I PAY IN -- AND MY TRASH, I PAY
25 SANITATION. SO WHAT IS ALL THIS ABOUT? I DON'T GET IT. YOU



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1 GUYS WANT TO JUST KEEP ADDING MORE AND MORE? I JUST I DON'T
2 SEE THE -- I HONESTLY DON'T SEE THE VALUE IN THAT. YOU'RE JUST
3 TAXING EVERYBODY TO DEATH. THAT'S HOW IT SOUNDS. THANK YOU FOR
4 YOUR TIME.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
7 SIR, AND OTHERS, YOU SHOULD COME FORWARD. MA'AM, YOU WISH TO
8 BE HEARD?

9

10 **DR. GENEVA POTTER:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON. GENEVA POTTER. I AM
11 HERE FOR THREE REASONS. NUMBER 1 IT'S A HARDSHIP. NUMBER 2,
12 THE COUNTY OR WHOEVER PREPARED THIS HAS FAILED TO MEET THE
13 LEGAL REQUIREMENT IN NOTIFYING THE PROPERTY OWNERS. I HAVE
14 TALKED TO MANY PEOPLE. THEY KNOW NOTHING ABOUT IT. I AM ASKING
15 YOU TO STUDY THIS BEFORE YOU MAKE A DECISION AND GIVE US MORE
16 TIME. AND SEND CERTIFIED MAIL SO THAT WE CAN ALL GET IT. THANK
17 YOU.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SIR?

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21 **ROY MARSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ROY MARSON. I'M
22 REPRESENTING B.A.M.C.R.R., WHICH IS THE BOUQUET AND MINT
23 CANYON RURAL RESIDENTS. BASICALLY WE HAVE 100 PERCENT
24 OPPOSITION TO THIS OF EVERYBODY THAT LIVES IN THIS AREA. I
25 CURRENTLY MYSELF RUN A SMALL GREENHOUSE OPERATION. HAS ANYBODY



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1 EVER HEARD OF THE L.A. REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD?
2 WELL I HAVE, BECAUSE FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS I HAVE BEEN
3 PAYING THEM OVER \$10,000 FOR DOING SOMETHING THAT YOU'RE GOING
4 TO DUPLICATE RIGHT HERE. SO LET'S GO LOOK AT WHAT THE THING
5 THAT'S GOING RIGHT NOW. THE LAST THING THAT I HAVE TO SAY,
6 LET'S DO THIS. WE'RE NOT A THIRD WORLD COUNTRY. WE DON'T HAVE
7 TO PUT OUR FINGERS IN DYE TO KNOW AN ELECTION. LET'S HAVE A
8 REAL ELECTION, NOT THE MICKEY MOUSE THING PUT ON BY THE PEOPLE
9 THAT ARE PROMOTING IT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SIR. [APPLAUSE.]
12 GENTLEMEN?

13

14 **JIM CLARK:** I'M JIM CLARK WITH THE APARTMENT ASSOCIATION OF
15 GREATER LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU FOR THE TIME. I'M HERE
16 REPRESENTING 9800 MEMBERS THAT OWN APARTMENTS ACROSS THE
17 COUNTY AND IN VENTURA COUNTY, AS WELL. OUR MEMBERS FOR THE
18 MOST PART, THOSE IN L.A., WEST HOLLYWOOD, AND SANTA MONICA,
19 ARE SUBJECT TO RENT CONTROL. WE CAN ONLY RAISE THE RENT A
20 CERTAIN AMOUNT EVERY YEAR. THIS FEE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BE
21 PASSED THROUGH TO THE TENANTS IN THOSE BUILDINGS WHO USE THE
22 WATER. IT IS UNFAIR TO OUR MEMBERS. EVERY TYPE OF TAX LIKE
23 THIS IS A BURDEN ON THE WAY THEY DO THEIR BUSINESS AND IT ADDS
24 TO THEIR OPERATIONAL COSTS. THOSE MEMBERS THAT ARE NOT SUBJECT
25 TO RENT CONTROL WILL PASS IT THROUGH TO THE TENANTS. THOSE



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1 TENANTS THAT ARE NOT SUBJECT TO RENT CONTROL. SO IT'S NOT FAIR
2 ACROSS THE BOARD. I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT WE'RE PART OF THE
3 BIZFED COALITION WHO IS WORKING WITH YOU TO MODIFY THIS. I
4 THINK IF WE HAD A PASS-THROUGH WRITTEN INTO IT, WE MIGHT BE A
5 LITTLE MORE AMENABLE TO THE ISSUE. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. SIR?

8

9 **PAUL MORGAN:** HI, PAUL MORGAN. I AM OPPOSED. THE PLAN IS VAGUE.
10 WE'VE HEARD TODAY EVERYBODY IS OPPOSED TO THE LACK OF
11 SPECIFICS. AND THAT ACTUALLY FLIES IN THE FACE OF SECTION 6 OF
12 ARTICLE 13-D OF THE AMENDED CONSTITUTION, REVENUE SHALL NOT BE
13 USED FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT SPECIFIED. IF NONE ARE
14 SPECIFIED, THIS DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE. AND IN SECTION 4-A, AN
15 AGENCY WHICH PROPOSES TO LEVY AN ASSESSMENT SHALL IDENTIFY ALL
16 PARCELS WHICH WILL HAVE A SPECIFIC BENEFIT CONFERRED UPON THEM
17 AND UPON WHICH AN ASSESSMENT WILL BE IMPOSED. SECTION 2
18 DEFINES SPECIAL BENEFIT AS PARTICULAR AND DISTINCT BENEFIT
19 OVER AND ABOVE GENERAL BENEFITS TO THE PUBLIC AT LARGE. WE
20 LIVING AND HAVING OUR BUSINESSES IN THE WATERSHEDS ARE NOT THE
21 ONLY ONES TO BENEFIT. WE ARE ONLY THE ONES BEING PENALIZED.
22 AND THIS LETTER THE RESIDENTS THAT WAS SENT OUT, IT WAS WAS
23 REQUIRED BY SECTION 4-D OF THIS SAME LAW THAT IT HAVE AN
24 OPTION FOR SUPPORT OR OPPOSITION. AND I WONDER IF WE'LL LEARN
25 TODAY HOW MANY DID SEND IN THEIR SUPPORT. THANKS.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR
3 TESTIMONY. RICHARD SHEEHAN. RICHARD OTTERSTROM. GLENN BAILEY.
4 PATRICK BOUCHARD. MELVIN MATTHEWS. HANNA DERSHOWTO. IF THOSE
5 WHO I HAVE CALLED WOULD COME FORWARD. SUPERVISOR KNABE, IF YOU
6 WOULD PRESIDE FOR THE TIME BEING, I'D APPRECIATE IT. LADIES
7 AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE PROCEED.

8

9 **ANN TRUSSELL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS ANN TRUSSELL. THANK
10 YOU, CHAIRMAN THOMAS AND SUPERVISORS FOR PROVIDING THE
11 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU TODAY. I AM COMPLETELY OPPOSED TO
12 THE CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES MEASURE. I AM A PROPERTY OWNER
13 OF TWO LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROPERTIES. I ONLY RECEIVED ONE
14 NOTICE. I SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED TWO TO BE ENTITLED TWO
15 PROTESTS. I'M ALSO A REALTOR MEMBER OF THE GREATER ANTELOPE
16 VALLEY ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS. MANY OF MY CLIENTS, ALSO YOUR
17 CONSTITUENTS, WHO LIVE OR OWN PROPERTY WITHIN SPECIFIED
18 BOUNDARIES OF THIS ORDINANCE HAVE NOT RECEIVED INFORMATION ON
19 THIS ORDINANCE AT ALL. MANY LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS
20 WHOSE PROPERTY IS LOCATED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES AND SCOPE OF
21 YOUR PROPOSED ORDINANCE ARE COMPLETELY UNAWARE OF THIS
22 PROPOSED TAX. MANY HAVE NOT RECEIVED NOTICE OR MISCONSTRUED IT
23 AS JUNK MAIL. IF NOT ALL PROPERTY OWNERS RECEIVED A PROTEST
24 FORM, HOW CAN A MAJORITY VOTE BE DETERMINED? THE PROPOSAL IS
25 POORLY WRITTEN AND THE METHODOLOGY USED IN CALCULATING THE FEE



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1 IS CONFUSING AT BEST. I COMPLETELY OPPOSE THE CLEAN
2 WATER/CLEAN BEACHES PROPOSED ORDINANCE.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** MA'AM, YOUR TIME IS UP. THANK YOU. NEXT?

5

6 **LILLIAN SMITH:** MY NAME IS LILLIAN SMITH. I'M A RESIDENT OF
7 AGUA DULCE, WHERE WE HAVE VERY LITTLE IMPERVIOUS SURFACE. I
8 WOULD LIKE TO JUST SAY THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK
9 TODAY. BUT THIS CLEAN WATER PROPOSED ORDINANCE IS POORLY
10 WRITTEN WITH VIRTUALLY NO ACCOUNTABILITY AND MULTIPLE ADDED
11 LAYERS OF BUREAUCRACY. THERE ISN'T A SINGLE SPECIFIC PROJECT
12 OUTLINED. IT'S ALL VERY NEBULOUS. I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT
13 MORE EFFORT BE PLACED IN ENFORCING THE POLLUTION LAWS OR ANTI-
14 POLLUTION LAWS. AND THAT IF YOU'RE GOING TO DO ANOTHER VERSION
15 OF THIS ORDINANCE, PLEASE HAVE IT BETTER WRITTEN. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

18

19 **RICHARD SHEEHAN:** DEAR HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
20 SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS RICHARD SHEEHAN. I AM SUPERINTENDENT
21 OF SCHOOLS FOR GLENDALE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. I AM SPEAKING
22 ON BEHALF OF THE FIVE STAR COALITION, WHICH ALSO INCLUDES
23 BURBANK, GLENDALE, LA CANADA, PASADENA AND SOUTH PASADENA,
24 APPROXIMATELY 75,000 STUDENTS. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MR.
25 ANTONOVICH FOR WORKING WITH US VERY CLOSELY. WE ARE ALL IN



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1 OPPOSITION TO THIS. ONE POINT THAT I DO WANT TO MAKE THAT I
2 DON'T BELIEVE HAS BEEN MADE BY SCHOOLS IS CURRENTLY WE ARE
3 PUTTING IN A NEW TURF FIELD AND TRACK, AND WE ARE HAVING TO
4 PAY AN ADDITIONAL \$165,000 FOR A STORM WATER PREVENTION PLAN
5 MANDATED BY THE STATE. ADDITIONALLY, OUR COUNCIL P.T.A.
6 PRESIDENT IS IN ATTENDANCE AND IS IN OPPOSITION AS IS OUR
7 UNION. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. NEXT?

10

11 **RICHARD OTTERSTROM:** I'M RICHARD OTTERSTROM. I'M THE CURRENT
12 PRESIDENT OF THE APARTMENT ASSOCIATION OF GREATER LOS ANGELES.
13 I WANT YOU TO KNOW, WE'RE NOT AGAINST CLEAN WATER BUT WE ARE
14 AGAINST THIS PARCEL TAX. WE DO FAVOR SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S
15 TWO PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AND THINK THAT THAT WOULD SOLVE OUR
16 PROBLEM AND PUT US IN A FAVORED POSITION. WE DO HAVE OVER
17 600,000 RENT-CONTROLLED UNITS IN LOS ANGELES ALONE AND WE HAVE
18 TWO OTHER RENT-CONTROLLED CITIES WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
19 AND AS JIM CLARK HAD SAID A FEW MINUTES AGO, THOSE OWNERS
20 CANNOT PASS THE PARCEL TAX THROUGH TO THE TENANTS, THE PEOPLE
21 WHO ACTUALLY BENEFIT FROM THE PARCEL TAX OR WHO ARE CREATING
22 SOME OF THE POLLUTION. THANK YOU. I'LL LET YOU OFF NOW.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

25



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1 **PATRICK BOUCHARD:** HI, MY NAME IS PATRICK BOUCHARD. I'M A
2 COMMUNITY ADVOCATE FROM WHITTIER. I'M NOT A PROPERTY OWNER.
3 BUT I DO COUNT. I'M A REGISTERED VOTER AND A TAXPAYER. I SPENT
4 TIME IN VIETNAM. I'M A VIETNAM-ERA VET FIGHTING FOR THE RIGHTS
5 AND THE FREEDOM OF ALL. WE HAVE AN ISSUE HERE WHERE WE ALL
6 NEED TO BE INFORMED AND GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE ON.
7 PLEASE DON'T TAKE THAT RIGHT AWAY FROM US. AND PLEASE REMEMBER
8 ONE PARTING SHOT, MAYBE NOT THE BEST LINE, BUT REMEMBER THE
9 BOSTON TEA PARTY. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIR PRO TEM:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE PROCEED.

14

15 **STEVE HANNA:** MY NAME IS STEVE HANNA, I'M A RESIDENT OF AQUA
16 DULCE. I REALLY APPRECIATE ALL THE TESTIMONY EVERYONE HAS
17 GIVEN ALREADY. ONE OF MY CONCERNS IS THAT THE COST OF DOING
18 BUSINESS IN CALIFORNIA IS GOING OUT OF -- IT'S OUT OF SIGHT.
19 PEOPLE ARE LEAVING AS FAST AS THEY CAN. I'M A 25-PLUS YEAR
20 MEMBER OF TEAMSTERS LOCAL 399. IN THE LAST YEAR, I SPENT
21 MONTHS IN MICHIGAN WORKING ON "OZ THE GREAT AND POWERFUL." I
22 SPENT MONTHS IN NEW MEXICO WORKING ON "THE LONE RANGER." I
23 SPENT MONTHS IN LOUISIANA WORKING ON "DJANGO UNCHAINED." THE
24 MOTION PICTURE BUSINESS, ALONG WITH LOTS OF OTHER INDUSTRY, IS
25 LEAVING CALIFORNIA AS FAST AS THEY CAN. IT'S JUST TOO



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1 EXPENSIVE TO DO BUSINESS HERE. AND ALL THESE ADDED FEES, ALL
2 THESE ADDED TAXES, YOU TAKE STUDIOS LIKE DISNEY AND THEM,
3 THEY'RE GOING TO PAY UNBELIEVABLE FEES. THEY MAKE A LOT OF
4 MONEY, BUT THEY'RE GOING TO GO BANKRUPT. THEY CAN'T AFFORD IT.
5 THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
8 TESTIMONY.

9

10 **MELVIN MATTHEWS:** I AM MELVIN MATTHEWS. I LIVE IN THE -- AREA
11 OF THE FIFTH DISTRICT. AND I OBJECT TO THE METHODOLOGY AND
12 CALCULATION OF THE FEE. MY PARTICULAR PROPERTY AND ALL OURS,
13 MY NEIGHBORS' PROPERTY, THE RUNOFF, WHICH IS VERY LITTLE, GOES
14 BEHIND THE EATON WASH DAM WHERE IT IS PERCOLATED IN THE
15 GROUND. SO OUR RUNOFF RARELY GETS DOWNSTREAM OTHER THAN IN
16 UNUSUAL STORM EVENTS. I ALSO OBJECT TO APPLYING THIS FEE TO
17 GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES, INCLUDING SCHOOLS AND WATER DISTRICTS.
18 SCHOOLS HAVE A LOT OF OPEN PROPERTY THAT CONTRIBUTE TO
19 PERCOLATION OF THE WATER INTO THE GROUND. AND WATER AGENCIES
20 IN OUR AREA ARE ALREADY DOING A GOOD JOB TO INCREASE STORM
21 WATER CAPTURE AND TO EMBARK UPON RECYCLING WATER PROJECTS. SO
22 I AM OPPOSED TO THIS FEE. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
25 SIR?



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2 **DAVID MCINTOSH:** MY NAME IS DAVE MCINTOSH. MY WIFE AND I OWN 20
3 PROPERTIES IN L.A. COUNTY. I HAVE A MASTERS IN LANDSCAPE
4 ARCHITECTURE AND WAS PART OF TEAM THAT PUBLISHED AN EXTENSIVE
5 STUDY FOR BIO-REMEDIATING RUNOFF AND SEWAGE IN THE SANTA ANA
6 WATERSHED AND THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE. I AM A CLEAN WATER
7 ADVOCATE BUT I OPPOSE THIS MEASURE. WATER IS THE NEW GOLD.
8 THIS PROBLEM SHOULD BE APPROACHED AS A SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITY
9 TO CLEAN OUR WATER AND REDUCE OUR DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED
10 WATER. THIS IS CURRENTLY BEING DONE IN ORANGE COUNTY AT THE
11 PRADO WETLANDS, WHICH IS THE LARGEST WETLANDS WEST OF THE
12 MISSISSIPPI. THERE, MOTHER NATURE DOES THE WORK REMOVING FECAL
13 MATERIAL, OIL, CHEMICALS, HEAVY METAL AND TOXINS TO QUENCH THE
14 THIRST OF PEOPLE IN ORANGE COUNTY. THIS PROJECT WAS DONE
15 WITHOUT ONE DOLLAR OF TAX TO PROPERTY OWNERS. IT'S RUN BY FOUR
16 INDIVIDUALS. AND THAT WETLAND ALSO REMOVES ONE TON OF NITRATES
17 PER DAY. FOUR PEOPLE ARE DOING THAT.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

20

21 **DAVID MCINTOSH:** MIKE, I SURE HOPE YOU WIN TODAY. THIS SHOULD
22 BE VOTED DOWN TODAY. [APPLAUSE.]

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR
25 TESTIMONY. ALBERT CHANG. SHAHRAM, MANAL ABOELATA. KIM LAMORIE.



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1 JOSEPH EDMISTON. CLAIRE ROBINSON. ANDY LIPKIS. HOLLY WYMAN.
2 BARBARA ROMERO. MARYBETH VERGARA. AND SANG PARK. ALL OF YOU,
3 IF YOU WOULD JUST COME FORWARD. AND FINALLY MICHAEL RUSSELL.
4 MA'AM? YOU'RE FIRST.

5

6 **SPEAKER:** GLORIA, --. THIS PROCEDURE IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE
7 EROSION OF DEMOCRACY. YOU HAVE SAID PRETTY MUCH THAT WHAT WE
8 SAY HERE MATTERS NOT. YOU ANNOUNCED THAT BY FRIDAY OF LAST
9 WEEK, 4 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAD WRITTEN IN WERE IN
10 OPPOSITION. AND IT WAS THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE. YET
11 YOU REQUIRED OVER 50 PERCENT OF PROPERTY OWNERS TO HAVE
12 EXPRESSED THEIR OPINION. IS THAT EVEN AS HIGH AS THE
13 PERCENTAGES OF THE PEOPLE WHO VOTE FOR PRESIDENT? I WONDER IF
14 YOU SHOULD PERHAPS USE THE RATE OF PRO AND CON OF PEOPLE WHO
15 HAVE COME HERE TO SPEAK TODAY. AND WHAT ARE AUTHORITIES AND
16 CONSERVANCIES? THEY'RE THE ONES WHO ARE GOING GETTING 50
17 PERCENT OF THE MONEY, HOW CLOSE ARE THEY TO THE TAXPAYER? ARE
18 THEY NOT ONE LEVEL FURTHER AWAY FROM US? AGAIN, WASHING DOWN
19 DEMOCRACY.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,
22 MA'AM. ALL RIGHT. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. YES?

23

24 **ALBERT CHANG:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ALBERT CHANG, I'M REPRESENTING
25 THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TODAY. THE



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1 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WOULD LIKE TO
2 EXPRESS ITS OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED CLEAN WATER, CLEAN
3 BEACHES MEASURE UNLESS IT IS AMENDED. THE CHAMBER BELIEVES
4 THAT THE PROPOSED FEE IN ITS CURRENT FORM WILL BE MORE
5 DETRIMENTAL THAN ITS INITIALLY DESIGNED BENEFIT. THE CHAMBER
6 RECOGNIZES THAT THE COUNTY IS TRYING TO FIND A SOLUTION TO A
7 MULTI-BILLION DOLLAR UNFUNDED MANDATE TO THE MS-4 PERMIT.
8 WITHOUT DOUBT, THE MS-4 PERMIT IS TOO ZEALOUS IN ITS ATTEMPT
9 TO TREAT STORM WATER RUNOFF TO NEAR POTABLE LEVELS. THE
10 CHAMBER FURTHER RECOGNIZES THAT A REGIONAL AND COLLECTIVE
11 APPROACH IS NEEDED TO ADDRESS THE NEW MANDATES. HOWEVER, THE
12 COUNTY'S PROPOSED FEE UNLESS AMENDED DOES NOT PROVIDE AN
13 ACCURATE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. THE FEE IS TOO BROAD AND TOO
14 ENCUMBERED TO BE EFFECTIVE. IN ADDITION, IT DOES NOT PROVIDE
15 ADEQUATE OVERSIGHT OR APPROPRIATE EXEMPTIONS. THE CHAMBER
16 PROPOSES THAT THE PARCEL FEE BE MODIFIED IN THE FOLLOWING:
17 NUMBER 1, AN APPEALS PROCESS NEEDS TO BE DEVELOPED TO ADDRESS
18 PARCELS THAT CONTAIN MORE PERVIOUS LAND AND THUS IS ABLE TO
19 CONTAIN MORE OF THE RUNOFF. SUCH PARCELS CERTAINLY CONTRIBUTE
20 LESS TO THE PROBLEM THAN THOSE WITH MORE IMPERVIOUS LAND.
21 NUMBER 2, PROJECTS WHICH ALREADY FOLLOW BEST PRACTICES IN
22 STORM WATER COLLECTION AND TREATMENT OR AS PART OF THE
23 C.E.P.R. HAVE ADDRESSED THE ISSUES SATISFACTORY AND SHOULD BE
24 EXEMPTED FROM THE FEE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. MA'AM.
2 THANK YOU. MY MY MY.

3

4 **SHAHRAM KHARAGHANI:** GOOD AFTERNOON MR. CHAIRMAN, BOARD
5 MEMBERS. MY NAME IS SHAHRAM KHARAGHANI. I REPRESENT THE CITY
6 OF LOS ANGELES.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SIR, WE CANNOT HEAR YOU,
9 THEREFORE YOU HAVE TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE MICROPHONE.

10

11 **SHAHRAM KHARAGHANI:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON.

14

15 **SHAHRAM KHARAGHANI:** MY NAME IS SHAHRAM KHARAGHANI, I REPRESENT
16 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES BUREAU OF SANITATION. I'M HERE IN
17 SUPPORT OF THE COUNTYWIDE FUNDING MEASURE. THE CITY OF LOS
18 ANGELES HAS BEEN CLOSELY COLLABORATING WITH THE COUNTY FLOOD
19 CONTROL DISTRICT ON THIS FUNDING MEASURE OVER THE PAST FEW
20 YEARS. BACK IN 2012, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HAS ADOPTED A
21 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ENABLING STATUTE FOR THIS FEE
22 A.B.2554. THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES BELIEVES THIS MEASURE
23 PROVIDES THE MUCH NEEDED FUNDING TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY
24 THROUGH THE MULTI-BENEFIT DURING PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE
25 COUNTY. THE FEE PROVIDES BOTH FOR CAPITAL, OPERATION AND



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1 MAINTENANCE OF GREEN PROJECTS TO ENSURE THE LONG-TERM
2 SUSTAINABILITY. THE RECENTLY ADOPTED STORM WATER PERMIT THAT
3 BECAME EFFECTIVE ON DECEMBER 28, 2012 HAS A NUMBER OF STATE
4 AND FEDERAL CLEAN WATER ACT THAT THE 84 CITIES MENTIONED IN
5 THE PERMIT MUST COMPLY. THIS FUNDING INITIATIVE WOULD PROVIDE
6 FOR THAT. THE ALTERNATIVE OF DOING NOTHING WOULD ACCOMPANY
7 STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS --

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SIR, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. WE
10 DO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

11

12 **SHAHRAM KHARAGHANI:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** INDEED. MA'AM?

15

16 **KIM LAMORIE:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. CLEAN BEACHES. CLEAN
17 WATER IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS THE LEGACY WE MUST LEAVE FOR
18 ALL GENERATIONS TO COME. MY NAME IS KIM LAMORIE AND I'M
19 PRESIDENT OF THE 15,000-MEMBER LAS VIRGENES HOMEOWNERS
20 FEDERATION IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS. WE ARE STRONG
21 ADVOCATES FOR CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES AND THE BENEFITS OF
22 WATER CONSERVATION AND STORM WATER REUSE. SO I THANK THE
23 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR PROACTIVELY ADDRESSING WHAT IT
24 WILL TAKE TO CLEAN TOXIC STORM WATER BEFORE IT FLOWS INTO OUR
25 STREAMS AND RIVERS, OUR PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS. I URGE



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1 YOU TO VOTE YES TODAY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH APPROVAL TO DEVELOP
2 THE MEASURE'S BALLOT LANGUAGE. OUR MOUNTAIN, VALLEY AND
3 COASTAL WATERSHED COMMUNITIES LOOK FORWARD TO PARTICIPATING
4 AND WORKING WITH OUR LOCAL CITIES AND THE COUNTY IN SEEING AN
5 EQUITABLE AND RESPONSIBLE BALLOT INITIATIVE WHICH SETS A FEE
6 FOR THE SERVICE OF CLEANING STORM WATER RUNOFF. PUT TO A VOTE
7 BEFORE ALL PROPERTY OWNERS. LET THE VOTERS DECIDE. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
10 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **MANAL ABOELATA:** HELLO. MY NAME IS MANAL ABOELATA, I'M MANAGING
13 DIRECTOR AT PREVENTION INSTITUTE, A PUBLIC HEALTH AGENCY
14 FOCUSED ON PREVENTING ILLNESSES BEFORE THEY OCCUR. I'M ALSO
15 THE MOTHER OF TWO BOYS AND A HOMEOWNER IN THE SECOND DISTRICT.
16 PREVENTION INSTITUTE SUPPORTS THE CLEAN WATER MEASURE BECAUSE
17 IT WILL IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS BY
18 PREVENTING SICKNESSES ASSOCIATED WITH EXPOSURE TO CONTAMINATED
19 WATER AND URBAN RUNOFF. THE IMPROVEMENTS COULD PREVENT 1.8
20 MILLION CASES OF GASTROENTERITIS ASSOCIATED WITH VISITS TO
21 L.A. COUNTY WATER, LAKES, AND BEACHES. SMALL CHILDREN,
22 PREGNANT WOMEN, AND OLDER RESIDENTS ARE PARTICULARLY
23 VULNERABLE. THIS MEASURE IS A MATTER OF GOOD PUBLIC HEALTH AND
24 CAN SAVE HEALTHCARE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PREVENTABLE
25 ILLNESSES. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE A RESOLUTION FOR THE SCHOOL



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1 DISTRICTS AND SPECIFIC CRITERIA THAT WILL PRIORITIZE
2 INFRASTRUCTURE IN LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES WHICH CAN BENEFIT
3 MOST FROM PROJECTS WHICH WOULD BE POSSIBLE FROM FUNDS OF THE
4 PASSAGE OF THIS MEASURE. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT. LET'S
7 PROCEED. LAURA HARTZELL, IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD. AT THIS
8 TIME, MA'AM, THE FLOOR IS YOURS. MA'AM?

9

10 **MARYBETH VERGARA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR AND BOARD. MY NAME IS
11 MARYBETH VERGARA. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF MARK STANLEY,
12 EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE RIVERS AND MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY. THE
13 R.M.C. HAS FUNDED HUNDREDS OF PARKS PROJECTS THROUGHOUT THE
14 GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY AREA SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1999,
15 INCLUDING AREAS LIKE THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, SOUTHEAST L.A.
16 COUNTY AND ORANGE COUNTY. ONE RECENT EXAMPLE IS THE CARVER
17 PARK URBAN TRAIL WHICH NOT ONLY FUNCTIONS AS A WATER QUALITY
18 IMPROVEMENT BUT ALSO CAPTURES DEBRIS AND TREATS RUNOFF BEFORE
19 IT ENTERS INTO THE COMPTON CREEK IN THE COMMUNITY OF
20 WILLOWBROOK. THIS PROJECT WAS DONE IN COLLABORATION WITH L.A.
21 COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION, THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, AND
22 THE OFFICE OF SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND THE L.A.
23 CONSERVATION CORPS, WHO CONSTRUCTED THE PROJECT USING LOCAL
24 YOUTH. NOT ONLY DID THIS PROJECT CREATE JOBS. BUT THREE CORPS
25 MEMBERS ACTUALLY MOVED INTO CONSTRUCTION- SPECIALIST POSITIONS



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1 WHILE WORKING ON THIS PROJECT. WHILE WE HAVE CONCERNS
2 SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE WORKING AREA GROUPS WE URGE YOU TO
3 SUPPORT THIS MEASURE AND ARE IN SUPPORT OF THE CLEAN WATER,
4 CLEAN BEACHES MEASURE. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SIR?

7

8 **JOSEPH EDMISTON:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, JOSEPH
9 EDMISTON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS
10 CONSERVANCY AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION
11 AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY. WE BELIEVE THAT YOU SHOULD MOVE
12 AHEAD WITH THIS. OBVIOUSLY THERE ARE SOME IMPERFECTIONS. BUT
13 WE'RE COMMITTED TO WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
14 AND EACH MEMBER OF THIS BOARD TO PERFECT THIS. IT'S AN
15 HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY TO THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT HAS SAVED
16 TRILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF TAXPAYERS' MONEY IN ITS ALMOST 100-
17 YEAR HISTORY. IT'S NOW TIME TO TURN TO THE CHORE OF MAKING
18 SURE OUR BEACHES AND OUR WATER IS CLEAN. AND I THINK THAT THIS
19 DISTRICT IS UP TO THAT TASK. AND WE URGE YOU TO MOVE AHEAD.
20 THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
23 SIR?

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1 **CALVIN ROSS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CALVIN ROSS. I AM FROM
2 PALISADES HIGH SCHOOL REPRESENTING THE BLUE WATER TASKFORCE
3 AND I SUPPORT THE CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES MOVEMENT. WITH
4 THE HELP OF THE SURFRIDER FOUNDATION, A COUPLE STUDENTS AND I
5 HAVE SET UP A LAB AT OUR SCHOOL AND HAVE BEEN TESTING THE
6 WATER SINCE MARCH. UP UNTIL 2003, THE BEACH AT TEMESCAL CANYON
7 WAS CONSTANTLY CLOSED DUE TO BACTERIA LEVELS THAT EXCEEDED THE
8 LIMIT CONSIDERED SAFE BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. THE FIRST
9 PHASE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES STORM WATER CONTROL PROGRAM
10 WAS PUT INTO PLACE AT TEMESCAL CANYON IN 2003 AND SINCE THEN
11 THE BACTERIA LEVELS HAVE BEEN CONSISTENTLY LOW, A DRASTIC
12 IMPROVEMENT FROM BEFORE. WE THE STUDENTS OF PALI HIGH STRONGLY
13 URGE ALL OF YOU TO SUPPORT THE CLEAN WATER CLEAN BEACHES
14 MEASURE.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
17 PALI HIGH IN THE HOUSE. ALL RIGHT. PROCEED.

18

19 **ANDREW LIPKIS:** MY NAME IS ANDY LIPKIS, I'M A PROPERTY OWNER IN
20 LOS ANGELES AND I'M FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF TREE PEOPLE.
21 WE'VE BEEN WORKING FOR FIVE YEARS WITH THE COUNTY TO MAKE THIS
22 PROJECT WORK. AND WE URGE YOU MORE TIME BECAUSE IT HAS TO WORK
23 FOR THE SCHOOLS, FOR THE BUSINESSES AND WE BELIEVE THAT IT
24 CAN. WE ALSO PROFOUNDLY AGREE WITH SUPERVISOR MOLINA, WHO
25 ASTUTELY NOTED ALL THE MISINFORMATION THAT'S BEEN CIRCULATING



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1 AROUND THIS. IT IS A PROPOSAL THAT WILL HELP CITIES. IT WILL
2 HELP SCHOOLS. THE MEASURE CAN BRING HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF
3 DOLLARS TO SCHOOLS. AND TO IMPROVE THEM, TO MAKE THEM SAFE,
4 HEALTHY AND BETTER LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS. YOU'LL HEAR FROM
5 MORE SPEAKERS ABOUT THE IMPACT OF GREEN SCHOOLS ON STUDENT
6 LEARNING AND HEALTH. WE THINK THAT THIS CAN WORK. THE MONEY
7 THAT SUPERVISOR MOLINA TALKED ABOUT MUCH GREATER FEES AND
8 FINES FOR THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE BEING IMPOSED BY CITIES AND
9 THE COST TO PUBLIC HEALTH. SO THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
12 MA'AM?

13

14 **CLAIRE ROBINSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. CLAIRE
15 ROBINSON, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF AMIGOS DE LOS RIOS, THE EMERALD
16 NECKLACE GROUP, AND ALSO A PROPERTY OWNER IN THE FIFTH
17 DISTRICT. WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF THE STORM WATER FEE MEASURE. WE
18 BELIEVE WE NEED TO CATCH UP WITH OUR PEERS ACROSS THE NATION
19 IN OTHER METROPOLITAN AREAS. GREAT CITIES OF THE WORLD NEED TO
20 BE SUSTAINABLE. THIS MEASURE, AS STRUCTURED, WILL SUPPORT
21 GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE, WHICH HAS TREMENDOUS WATER QUALITY AND
22 LONG-TERM HEALTH BENEFITS. FOR THE PAST NINE YEARS, WE'VE
23 WORKED TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR STUDENTS BY GREENING
24 SCHOOLS AND CONNECTING FAMILIES AND RESIDENTS TO MULTI-
25 OBJECTIVE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE RESOURCES. WE'D LIKE TO HELP



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1 WORK THROUGH THE CONCERNS THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS HAVE WITH THE
2 MEASURE AND EXPEDITE OUR REGION'S COMPLIANCE WITH THE CLEAN
3 WATER ACT. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS
4 OUR PROFOUND SUPPORT.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
7 TESTIMONY. NANCY STEELE. SHELLEY LUCE. LUIS CABRALES, BELINDA
8 FAUSTINOS. KIRSTEN JAMES. TORY KJER. IN THAT ORDER, PLEASE,
9 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE ARE 2-1/2 HOURS IN AT THIS POINT. HOW
10 MANY OF YOU ARE PREPARED TO GO THE DISTANCE, RAISE YOUR HAND?
11 MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU. ALL RIGHT, PUT YOUR HAND
12 DOWN. [LAUGHTER.] PROCEED.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** HONORABLE CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MEMBERS OF THE
15 BOARD. ON BEHALF OF THE LOS ANGELES RIVER CORPORATION, AS A
16 BOARD MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, I URGE YOUR SUPPORT
17 FOR A NEW SOURCE OF REVENUE TO ADDRESS THE CRITICAL ISSUE OF
18 CLEANING AND PROTECTING OUR LOCAL WATER SUPPLY AND THE IMPACT
19 OF STORM WATER AND RUNOFF POLLUTION ON THE REGION. WE URGENTLY
20 NEED NEW INFRASTRUCTURE TO ADEQUATELY ADDRESS THE PROBLEM OF
21 STORM WATER. THE ISSUE AFFECTS ALL OF US IN THE SOUTHERN
22 CALIFORNIA REGION. AND POOR WATER QUALITY DIRECTLY IMPACTS OUR
23 LOCAL ECONOMY, ESPECIALLY IN TOURISM AND RECREATION AS WELL AS
24 IMPACTING PROPERTY VALUES AND OUR FUTURE WATER SUPPLY. DOING
25 NOTHING WILL ONLY EXACERBATE THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS TO PUBLIC



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1 HEALTH, FURTHER DEGRADE OUR QUALITY OF LIFE AND MISS AN
2 OPPORTUNITY FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WHEN WE COULD MOST
3 BENEFIT FROM NEW JOBS AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES. INSTEAD, WE
4 CAN BE PROACTIVE AND ESTABLISH LOS ANGELES COUNTY AS A
5 NATIONAL MODEL FOR PROTECTING AND INCREASING OUR LOCAL WATER
6 SUPPLY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
9 THE FLOOR IS YOURS, MA'AM.

10

11 **LINDA HARTZELL:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-THOMAS
12 AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS LAURA HARTZELL. I'M WITH
13 THE L.A. NEIGHBORHOOD LAND TRUST, A NONPROFIT THAT CREATES --

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SERGEANTS, PARDON ME FOR A
16 MOMENT. THOSE WHO ARE LEAVING NEED TO DO SO QUIETLY SO THAT WE
17 CAN PROCEED ACCORDINGLY. WE'LL GIVE YOU SECONDS BACK. THANK
18 YOU. YOU MAY PROCEED.

19

20 **LINDA HARTZELL:** OKAY. I'M WITH THE L.A. NEIGHBORHOOD LAND
21 TRUST, A NONPROFIT THAT CREATES PARKS AND GARDENS IN LOW
22 INCOME, UNDERSERVED AREAS OF L.A. COUNTY. WE SUPPORT THE
23 MEASURE. WE FEEL IT WILL NOT ONLY IMPROVE WATER QUALITY AND
24 AVAILABILITY BUT EXPAND GREEN SPACE OPPORTUNITIES IN L.A.
25 COUNTY. WE HAVE A FEW CONCERNS ABOUT THE DETAILS OF THE



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1 INITIATIVE. WE BELIEVE THAT ALLOCATIONS ARE NECESSARY TO
2 PROVIDE FUNDING FOR SMALL MULTI-BENEFIT PROJECTS TO ENSURE
3 FUNDING WILL REACH THE MOST UNDERSERVED AREAS IN L.A. COUNTY.
4 WE'D LIKE TO SEE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE ROLE OF THE
5 NONPROFIT COMMUNITY IN HELPING IMPLEMENT THE MEASURE. AND WE'D
6 LIKE TO NOTE OUR SUPPORT OF THE CONCEPT OF A GRADUATED FEE
7 BASED ON B.M.P. COMPLIANCE BY THE PROPERTIES. WE FEEL LIKE
8 THIS COULD BE A POWERFUL TOOL TO ADDRESS NONPOINT SOURCE
9 POLLUTION AS WELL AS MAKE THE FEE MORE AFFORDABLE TO OWNERS
10 WHO INVEST IN SOUND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT PRACTICES. THANKS
11 FOR YOUR TIME TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.
14 MA'AM?

15

16 **NANCY STEELE:** GOOD MORNING OR GOOD AFTERNOON CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-
17 THOMAS AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
18 NANCY STEELE. I'M EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COUNCIL FOR
19 WATERSHED HEALTH. I'M HERE TO VOICE OUR ORGANIZATION'S SUPPORT
20 FOR THE CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES MEASURE. I AM ALSO A
21 RESIDENT AND PROPERTY OWNER OF THE FIFTH DISTRICT. THE COUNCIL
22 FOR WATERSHED HEALTH HAS A VISION THAT IN 2025 THE LOS ANGELES
23 REGION WILL BE A MODEL OF SUSTAINABLE, URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT
24 WITH CLEAN WATERS, RELIABLE LOCAL WATER SUPPLIES, RESTORED
25 NATIVE HABITATS, AMPLE PARKS AND OPEN SPACES, REVITALIZED



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1 RIVERS AND URBAN CENTERS. WE BELIEVE BY PROVIDING FUNDING AND
2 A GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE, CITIES AND THE COUNTY UNINCORPORATED
3 COMMUNITIES WILL BE BETTER ABLE TO WORK TOGETHER TO COMPLY
4 WITH REGULATIONS AND ACHIEVE A MORE SUSTAINABLE, RESILIENT
5 REGION. IF APPROVED BY VOTERS, THIS MEASURE CAN BE A CATALYST.
6 THE COUNCIL FOR WATERSHED HEALTH ASKS THAT YOU TAKE THE
7 APPROPRIATE STEPS TO BRING THIS MEASURE BEFORE THOSE WHO WILL
8 PAY FOR IT, THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK
9 YOU.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU. SIR?

12

13 **LUIS CABRALES:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, CHAIRMAN. MY NAME IS LUIS
14 CABRALES. I'M OUTREACH EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MANAGER AT THE NATURE
15 CONSERVANCY. I'M HERE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THE NEED FOR A FEE
16 TO PROTECT OUR WATER RESOURCES. IT IS VERY UNFORTUNATE THAT
17 OUR COMMUNITY, OUR RESIDENTS AND TAXPAYERS STILL DO NOT
18 UNDERSTAND THE DIRE NEED THAT WE HAVE HERE IN SOUTHERN
19 CALIFORNIA FOR WATER. THE NATURE CONSERVANCY HAS NOT YET MADE
20 A DECISION ON THIS FEE BALLOT MEASURE, BUT WE DO UNDERSTAND
21 THAT WE WILL HAVE TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. AND WE HOPE THAT
22 THESE INSTITUTIONS WILL ADDRESS THE CONCERNS THAT A LOT OF THE
23 PEOPLE, INCLUDING MY COLLEAGUES IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT
24 ARE PRESENTING TO YOU. BECAUSE WE DEFINITELY HAVE TO PUT
25 TOGETHER A MEASURE IN THE BALLOT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MA'AM?

3

4 **SHELLEY LUCE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M SHELLEY LUCE. I'M THE
5 DIRECTOR OF THE SANTA MONICA BAY RESTORATION COMMISSION. AND
6 WE ARE GREENING OUR CITIES BY BRINGING NATURE BACK IN THE FORM
7 OF PARKS AND OPEN SPACES THAT BENEFIT OUR COMMUNITIES WHILE
8 CLEANING UP POLLUTED RUNOFF. OUR COMMISSION HAS DIRECTED \$40
9 MILLION IN STATE BOND FUNDING TO L.A. COUNTY AND CITIES FOR
10 WATER QUALITY CLEANUP PROJECTS THAT INCLUDE NEW PARKS AND
11 PLAYING FIELDS AND OTHER FACILITIES. AND WE'RE AWARE OF THE
12 NEED FOR OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE FUNDING TO ENSURE THAT
13 THESE PUBLIC PLACES ARE SUPPORTED AND MAINTAINED AND CONTINUE
14 TO PROVIDE THE BENEFITS THAT WE'VE ALL INVESTED IN. IT IS
15 CRITICAL THAT THE COUNTY ADOPT THE IMPLEMENTING ORDINANCE AND
16 PROGRAM ELEMENTS BEFORE THE BALLOT IS MAILED AND THAT THAT
17 ORDINANCE REQUIRE ENFORCEABLE CRITERIA AND PUBLIC OVERSIGHT OF
18 ALL PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS FUNDED. AND I HOPE THAT THIS BALLOT
19 MEASURE GOES FORWARD AND THAT WE MOVE FORWARD WITH A CLEAN
20 WATER FEE IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. LIZ CROSSON, JOE
23 GEAVER. JOE M. INEZ MOGUL. INEZ MOGUL. MITZI MOGUL. BRUCE
24 LAZENBY. ANDREA GULLO. AND FINALLY, WESTON LABAR. PLEASE COME
25 FORWARD. PLEASE.



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2 **BELINDA FAUSTINOS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. BELINDA VAILLOS FAUSTINOS.
3 AND I'M HERE BEFORE YOU, SUPERVISORS, TO URGE YOU TO SUPPORT
4 THIS MEASURE AND TO APPLAUD THE COUNTY ACTUALLY FOR TAKING
5 SUCH A POSITIVE PUBLIC POLICY POSITION ON SOMETHING THAT IS
6 VERY DIFFICULT. HAVING MY OWN EXPERIENCE AND ALSO BRINGING
7 WITH ME THE OVER 200 YEARS OF CUMULATIVE EXPERIENCE OF A
8 NUMBER OF ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE IN SUPPORT OF
9 THIS MEASURE BUT BELIEVE WE CAN'T PASS UP THE OPPORTUNITY TO
10 ALSO ADDRESS SOME OTHER CRITICAL FACTORS SUCH AS THE FACT THAT
11 WITH OUR CUMULATIVE EXPERIENCE, AGAIN FUNDING MEASURES, IT'S
12 REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE
13 ISSUES OF YOUTH AT RISK TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE AN ALLOCATION
14 IN THIS MEASURE THAT WILL ASSIST WITH THE EMPLOYMENT OF YOUTH
15 AT RISK, JOBS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH ARE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT TO
16 OUR COMMUNITIES. SO ENSURING THAT THERE IS A PROVISION IN THE
17 MEASURE THAT WILL PROVIDE ASSISTANCE FOR LOCAL EMPLOYERS IS
18 CRITICALLY IMPORTANT. ALSO, MAKING SURE THAT THESE FUNDING
19 ALLOCATIONS INCLUDE PROVISIONS FOR SMALL PROJECTS. SO WE HAVE
20 DISTRIBUTED SOLUTIONS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS TO THESE ISSUES IS
21 ANOTHER ISSUE THAT WE'RE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT. WE ALSO WANT TO
22 SEE THAT THERE IS SOME FUNDING IN THIS PROGRAM FOR EDUCATION
23 BECAUSE EDUCATION OF OUR CHILDREN IS WHAT'S GOING TO TURN THIS
24 AROUND. SO MANY OF OUR PROBLEMS ARE SOCIAL PROBLEMS WE HAVE TO
25 ADDRESS. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
3 TESTIMONY. MA'AM?

4

5 **KIRSTEN JAMES:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS KIRSTEN JAMES. AND
6 I'M THE WATER QUALITY DIRECTOR AT HEAL THE BAY. EXCUSE MY
7 VOICE. ON BEHALF OF HEAL THE BAY, I'M HERE TODAY TO STRONGLY
8 SUPPORT MOVING FORWARD THE CLEAN WATER CLEAN BEACHES FUNDING
9 MEASURE. HEAL THE BAY HAS WORKED ON WATER QUALITY ISSUES IN
10 L.A. COUNTY FOR NEARLY THREE DECADES. AND THIS MEASURE HAS THE
11 POTENTIAL TO SUPPORT WATER QUALITY PROJECTS THAT ARE
12 CRITICALLY ESSENTIAL TO IMPROVING AND PROTECTING LOS ANGELES'
13 RIVERS AND COASTLINES, AS WELL AS OUR FUTURE WATER SUPPLY AND
14 SUSTAINABILITY. WE ARE TRULY INVESTED TO INSURE THAT THIS
15 MEASURE MOVES FORWARD AS STRONG ENOUGH AS POSSIBLE AND IN A
16 SUCCESSFUL MANNER. WHILE WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT DEDICATED FUNDING
17 IS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT, THERE ARE STILL A FEW THINGS THAT
18 NEED TO BE WORKED OUT. BUT WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT WE CAN GET
19 THERE TOGETHER. FOR INSTANCE, AS OTHERS HAVE SAID, WE NEED TO
20 MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE AN ORDINANCE WITH ENFORCEABLE CRITERIA
21 ADOPTED WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE BALLOT MEASURE. WE NEED
22 INCENTIVE PROGRAMS FOR FOLKS THAT HAVE ALREADY GONE ABOVE AND
23 BEYOND. SO WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING TOGETHER AND PARTNERING
24 TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESS. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

2

3 **TORI KJER:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS TORI KJER, AND I
4 WORK THE TRUST FOR PUBLIC LAND HERE IN LOS ANGELES. WE ARE A
5 NATIONAL NONPROFIT THAT WORKS TO GET LAND FOR PEOPLE FOR
6 PARKS, GARDENS, OPEN SPACE AND STORM WATER AND WATER QUALITY,
7 CLEAN BEACHES ARE ALL DIRECTLY RELATED TO QUALITY OF LIFE AND
8 OPEN SPACE. AND WE BELIEVE THAT URBAN RUNOFF FROM THE STREETS,
9 YARDS, PARKING LOTS HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AFFECTS
10 EVERYONE. WATER FLOWS INTO THE RIVERS, THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER,
11 THE RIO HONDO, THE L.A. RIVER AND MANY OTHER CREEKS AND
12 STREAMS THAT WE HAVE. AND THAT WE BELIEVE AND SUPPORT
13 THOUGHTFUL PLANNING AND PROACTIVE ACTIONS TO MAINTAIN QUALITY
14 OF LIFE. WE DO ALSO BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ISSUES
15 THAT STILL NEED TO BE RESOLVED, BUT WE SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE
16 YOU TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THIS ORDINANCE, THIS MEASURE. AND
17 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MA'AM?

20

21 **LIZ CROSSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS LIZ CROSSON, I'M THE
22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LOS ANGELES WATER KEEPER, FORMERLY KNOWN
23 AS SANTA MONICA BAY KEEPER. WE WORK ON WATER ISSUES TO PROTECT
24 AND RESTORE WATERWAYS THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY. AND AS I THINK
25 AS YOU CAN PROBABLY RECOGNIZE, THIS IS A UNIQUE SITUATION IN



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1 WHICH WE'RE ACTUALLY HERE IN SUPPORT OF THE FLOOD CONTROL
2 DISTRICT'S EFFORT TO PASS THE CLEAN WATER CLEAN BEACHES
3 MEASURE, AND THERE ARE TWO PRIMARY REASONS FOR THAT. FIRST OF
4 ALL, STORM WATER POLLUTION IS THE NUMBER ONE SOURCE OF
5 POLLUTION IN OUR COUNTY. WE HAVE SERIOUS ISSUES NOT ONLY AT
6 OUR BEACHES, WHERE PEOPLE ARE GETTING SICK BUT ALSO IN OUR
7 RIVERS, WHERE PEOPLE FISH AND RECREATE. NUMBER TWO, THIS
8 MEASURE IS FOR EVERYONE IN LOS ANGELES. IT IS NOT JUST ABOUT
9 THE BEACHES. IT IS ALSO ABOUT INLAND COMMUNITIES. IT'S ABOUT
10 OPEN SPACE. IT'S ABOUT PROVIDING A SUSTAINABLE SOURCE OF WATER
11 THAT'S LOCAL. SO FOR THOSE TWO REASONS WE DO SUPPORT THIS
12 MEASURE TODAY. HOWEVER, WE DO HAVE A COUPLE ISSUES AND WE'VE
13 SUBMITTED A LETTER TO YOU ALONG WITH SEVERAL MAJOR
14 ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT NEED MORE INFORMATION
15 REGARDING THE CRITERIA AS WELL AS INCREASED TRANSPARENCY AND
16 YOUR LEADERSHIP. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SIR?

19

20 **JOE GEAVER:** MY NAME IS JOE GEAVER AND I'M THE WATER PROGRAMS
21 MANAGER FOR SURFRIDER FOUNDATION'S NATIONAL OFFICE. I ALSO
22 LIVE IN LONG BEACH. WE HOPE YOU RECEIVED THE LETTER THAT LIZ
23 JUST REFERENCED.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES.



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JOE GEAVER: AND THAT YOU'VE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO READ IT. WE
SUPPORT THIS MEASURE CONDITIONAL ON RESOLVING SOME OF THE
ISSUES THAT WERE ARTICULATED IN THAT LETTER. BUT IMPORTANTLY
FOR TODAY, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO POINT OUT THAT WE THINK
OUR RECOMMENDATIONS WILL RESOLVE THE PROTESTS OF SCHOOL
DISTRICTS, RESIDENCES AND BUSINESSES. AND SO I ENCOURAGE YOU
TO READ THAT LETTER AND FOLLOW US, AND WORK WITH US TO MAKE
THOSE CHANGES. OUR THOUSANDS OF MEMBERS IN L.A. STAND READY TO
HELP YOU HELP US. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO MARKING THE 40TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT BY TAKING A STEP TO MEET
THE GOALS OF FISHABLE, SWIMMABLE AND DRINKABLE WATERS, A GOAL
THAT IS FOUR DECADES OVERDUE. THANK YOU. WE LOOK FORWARD TO
WORKING WITH YOU AND YOUR STAFF.

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SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

17

JOEL MOGUL: I'M JOEL MOGUL. EVERYONE HERE, I BELIEVE, IS IN
FAVOR OF CLEAN WATER. AND EVERYONE BENEFITS FROM CLEAN WATER.
THERE ARE OVER 10 MILLION PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY. AND THE
QUESTION I POSE IS: WHY IS IT THAT THE PROPERTY OWNERS ONCE
AGAIN ARE ASKED TO DIG INTO THEIR POCKETS TO PAY FOR WHAT
BENEFITS EVERYONE? IF IN FACT THIS IS BENEFICIAL, AND I WOULD
ARGUE THAT IT IS, THEN IN FACT EVERYONE SHOULD BE PAYING FOR
IT THROUGH GENERAL TAXES. I WOULD REMIND EACH OF YOU --

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1 [APPLAUSE.] THAT I LEARNED IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND I'M SURE
2 YOU DID AS WELL, THOSE REVOLUTIONARY WAR SLOGANS. THE ONE THAT
3 COMES TO MIND IS THE POWER TO TAX IS THE POWER TO DESTROY.
4 PLEASE DON'T DESTROY US. THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

7 [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **MITZI MOGUL:** MITZI MOGUL, PROPERTY OWNER AND REPRESENTING A
10 NUMBER OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION ORGANIZATIONS AND PROPERTY
11 OWNERS THROUGHOUT THE CITY AND COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THIS
12 WILL IMPACT HISTORIC PRESERVATION EFFORTS WHEN IT IMPACTS
13 PROPERTY OWNERS WHO ARE ALREADY SPENDING WHAT LITTLE MONEY
14 THEY HAVE LEFT TO RESTORE AND REHABILITATE HISTORIC
15 PROPERTIES. THAT, IN TURN, WILL IMPACT THE VALUE, THE
16 IMPROVEMENT OF URBAN COMMUNITIES AND PREVENT PEOPLE FROM
17 CONTINUING MOVEMENT THAT HAS BEEN MADE HERE IN THE DOWNTOWN
18 CORE AND THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES IN OLDER COMMUNITIES TO MAKE
19 THOSE COMMUNITIES MORE HABITABLE. IN 2010, CONGRESS STOPPED
20 THE CREDIT CARD COMPANIES FROM USING THIS OPT OUT TACTIC THAT
21 YOU USED ON YOUR FORM DISGUISED AS JUNK MAIL. THIS HAS GOT TO
22 STOP. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1 **INEZ MOGUL:** MY NAME IS INEZ MOGUL. I LIVE IN HOLLYWOOD. YOU'VE
2 HEARD ALL THE ORGANIZATIONS PLEAD FOR EXEMPTIONS. WELL, THE
3 PROPERTY OWNERS CAN'T PAY FOR CLEANING UP EVERYONE'S GARBAGE,
4 IF THAT'S WHAT'S FOULING THE WORKS. SO WE WANT -- IF PEOPLE
5 WANT A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT, IT'S UP TO THEM. IT'S THEIR
6 RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP IT CLEAN EVEN IF THEY'RE ONLY PASSING
7 THROUGH. THAT'S BASIC DEMOCRACY. EVERYBODY SHARES THE NEED.
8 MOST HOMEOWNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS. AND IF YOU
9 CONFISCATE OUR HOUSE WITH MORE AND MORE TAXES UNDER THE GUISE
10 OF CALLING THEM FEES, THEN WHO'S GOING TO TAKE CARE OF US WHO
11 HAVE TRIED TO PROVIDE FOR OURSELVES IN OUR OLD AGE? AND WHO --
12 ARE YOU GOING TO DO IT? IS THE CORPORATION GOING TO DO IT?
13 WHO'S GOING TO HOUSE US? THAT'S TOTALITARIANISM AND THAT'S NOT
14 DEMOCRACY. [APPLAUSE.]

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
17 TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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19 **BRUCE LAZENBY:** YES, BRUCE LAZENBY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
20 BUSINESS AND DEVELOPMENT FOR ROSE HILLS MEMORIAL PARK. WE ARE
21 IN FAVOR OF CLEAN WATER AND CLEAN BEACHES. BUT WE'RE OPPOSE TO
22 BAD PROCESSES. AND I THINK WHAT BRINGS US HERE TODAY IS A BAD
23 PROCESS. SO FOR AN ISSUE AS LARGE AS THIS, YOU WOULD THINK
24 THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN EXCEPTIONAL MEASURES TAKEN TO
25 COMMUNICATE TO THE PUBLIC, TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS, TO THE



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1 TAXPAYERS OF THE COUNTY. BUT, INSTEAD, I THINK THE PROCESS WAS
2 FLAWED AND LIMITED. SO ON THAT BASIS, ROSE HILLS TAKES A
3 POSITION AGAINST THE PROCESS.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
6 TESTIMONY. MA'AM, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

7

8 **ANDREA GULLO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
9 BOARD. MY NAME IS ANDREA GULLO. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
10 THE PUENTE HILLS HABITAT PRESERVATION AUTHORITY, OTHERWISE
11 KNOWN AS THE HABITAT AUTHORITY. WE'RE A JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
12 WITH A BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONSISTING OF THE COUNTY OF L.A.,
13 THE CITY OF WHITTIER, THE SANITATION DISTRICTS OF L.A. COUNTY
14 AND HACIENDA HEIGHTS IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION. AT ITS LAST
15 BOARD MEETING THE HABITAT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZED FILING PROTEST
16 FORMS FOR THIS MEASURE. WHILE WE ARE GENERALLY SUPPORTIVE OF
17 EFFECTIVE EFFORTS TO ADDRESS CLEAN WATER ISSUES, THE HABITAT
18 AUTHORITY HOLDS THAT IT'S ALREADY A PART OF THE SOLUTION AND
19 DOES NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROBLEM. WE SUBMITTED A PROTEST
20 LETTER DATED JANUARY 7 FOR THE 79 PARCELS OWNED BY THE AGENCY.
21 THE PROPOSED FEE ASSESSED ON US IS OVER \$74,000, A
22 DISPROPORTIONAL AMOUNT OF OUR 1800 ACRES OF OPEN SPACE. THE
23 ENGINEERS' REPORT PROVIDES LITTLE GUIDANCE AS TO WHAT RATE
24 CATEGORY THAT WAS USED. AND FOR THE 1 PERCENT RATE THAT WAS



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1 USED FOR THE MAJORITY OF OUR PROPERTIES, IT DOESN'T EXPLAIN
2 WHY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** INDEED. AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR
5 TESTIMONY. WELL WE'RE GOING HEAR FROM LISA, FIMIAN, LINDA
6 ABRAMS, KATHLEEN TRINITY, JAIME GARCIA, JODY THOMAS, BILL
7 TALIAFERRO, IN THAT ORDER. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN IF YOU WOULD
8 COME FORWARD PURSUANT TO YOUR NAME HAVING BEEN CALLED. WE CAN
9 PROCEED WITH THE HEARING. SIR.

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11 **WESTON LABAR:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS WESTON LABAR, AND I'M
12 HERE TODAY ON BEHALF OF THE LONG BEACH AREA CHAMBER OF
13 COMMERCE AND OUR OVER 1,000 BUSINESS MEMBERS. THE CHAMBER IS
14 AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE BIZFED COALITION THAT MANY PEOPLE
15 HAVE SPOKEN OF OPEN TODAY. AND UNFORTUNATELY THE WAY THE
16 MEASURE IS WRITTEN NOW WE HAVE TO STRONGLY OPPOSE IT, ALTHOUGH
17 NOBODY IS AGAINST CLEAN WATER. WE FEEL THERE LIKE THERE'S MANY
18 FAULTS THE WAY THIS IS CURRENTLY WRITTEN AND WE URGE YOU TO
19 PUSH IT OFF AS WE HAVE BEEN WORKING TIRELESSLY WITH YOU AS A
20 BOARD TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT SOME COMMON SENSE SOLUTIONS ON WAYS
21 TO IMPLEMENT THIS. SO I THANK YOU AGAIN FOR YOUR TIME TODAY
22 AND I HOPE YOU CONSIDER DELAYING THIS UNTIL WE CAN COME UP
23 WITH SOME BETTER SOLUTIONS THAT AREN'T CONCERN TO OUR SCHOOLS
24 AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MA'AM, YOU
2 MAY PROCEED.

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4 **LISA FIMIAN:** HELLO MY NAME IS LISA FIMIAN. I'M THE EXECUTIVE
5 DIRECTOR OF THE FRIENDS OF BALLONA WETLANDS. FRIENDS OF
6 BALLONA WETLANDS SUPPORTS CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES MEASURE.
7 AS THE NONPROFIT GROUP MOST CONCERNED ABOUT THE HEALTH OF THE
8 BALLONA WETLANDS FOR OVER 35 YEARS NOW, WE CLEARLY SEE EVERY
9 DAY THE NEED FOR NEW INFRASTRUCTURE TO ADEQUATELY ADDRESS THE
10 PROBLEM OF STORM WATER AND RUNOFF POLLUTION IN THE BALLONA
11 CREEK AND THE IMPACT IT HAS ON OUR HEALTH, ECONOMY AND
12 ENVIRONMENT. WHILE WE URGE YOU TO MAKE CLARIFICATIONS,
13 ESPECIALLY RELATED TO APPROPRIATE REBATE OR INCENTIVE LANGUAGE
14 FOR PROPERTY OWNER INITIATED WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS, WE
15 SUPPORT THE MEASURE'S BASIC OBJECTIVE. WE BELIEVE THAT THE
16 CLEAN WATER CLEAN BEACHES WATER QUALITY MEASURE WILL PROVIDE
17 FUNDS FOR MUNICIPALITIES TO CREATE MORE MULTI-USE WATER
18 QUALITY PROTECTION PROJECTS LIKE THE RECONSTRUCTED 10-YEAR-OLD
19 BALLONA FRESH WATER MARSH WHICH THE FRIENDS HELPED DESIGN. THE
20 BALLONA FRESH WATER MARSH IS A STORM WATER BEST MANAGEMENT
21 PRACTICE OF THE TYPE WHICH WOULD BE MOST COMMON THROUGHOUT OUR
22 COUNTY IF THIS MEASURE PASSES.

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24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR
25 TESTIMONY.



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2 **LISA FIMIAN:** AND I HAVE A LETTER TO SUBMIT.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PLEASE DO. ALL RIGHT. MA'AM, YOU
5 MAY PROCEED.

6

7 **LINDA ABRAMS:** LINDA ABRAMS, CITY OF LOS ANGELES, RESIDENT. AN
8 OLD QUAKER EXPRESSION READS, "SPEAK TRUTH TO POWER" SO YOU
9 WILL PLEASE UNDERSTAND IF I SPEAK PLAINLY TO YOU. BOARD OF
10 SUPERVISORS AND COUNTY STAFF, YOU WERE ALL HIRED TO PROVIDE
11 COUNTY SERVICES. PART OF YOUR JOB ALREADY IS TO PROVIDE CLEAN
12 WATER AND CLEAN BEACHES, REGIONAL APPROACH OR OTHERWISE. YOUR
13 CLAIM NOW THAT YOU CANNOT DO THAT JOB WITH THE EXISTING
14 BILLIONS OF REVENUE THAT YOU HAVE UNLESS YOU EXTRACT MORE TAX
15 MONEY FROM US TO CREATE A NEW SLUSH FUND IS AN ADMISSION OF
16 FAILURE ON YOUR OWN PART AND AN ABDICATION OF YOUR JOB. YOU
17 OUGHT TO RESIGN IN SHAME OR BE FIRED. [APPLAUSE.]

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. MA'AM, YOUR TIME HAS
20 EXPIRED. MAY I GRACIOUSLY SAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
21 ALL RIGHT?

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23 **LINDA ABRAMS:** I WAS WATCHING THE SECOND HAND, AND MAY I
24 GRACIOUSLY AND RESPECTFULLY DISAGREE WITH YOU, SIR?

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOU MAY INDEED. PROCEED.

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3 **KATHLEEN TRINITY:** MR. CHAIRMAN AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I'M
4 KATHLEEN TRINITY FROM ACTON, A PERMEABLE GROUND AREA. THE
5 QUESTION TODAY IS NOT JUST WHETHER WATER WILL BE CLEAN OR OUR
6 BEACHES WILL BE CLEAN AND SAFE, BUT WHETHER YOU WILL PRESIDE
7 OVER THE LAST GASPS OF THE MIDDLE CLASS, SMALL BUSINESS OWNER,
8 OUR SCHOOLS AND NONPROFITS. PERHAPS YOU DON'T EXPERIENCE IT,
9 BUT PLEASE LOOK AROUND AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT TODAY A LOT OF
10 MIDDLE CLASS AND LOWER INCOME EARNERS ARE STRUGGLING.
11 STRUGGLING TO RAISE CHILDREN, STRUGGLING TO TAKE CARE OF
12 ELDERLY PARENTS, PAYING HIGHER MEDICAL INSURANCE, PAYING NEW
13 FIRE PROTECTION FEES OR TAXES AND FLOOD CONTROL TAXES, PAY
14 SCHOOL BOARD ASSESSMENTS. RETIREES ARE STRUGGLING JUST TO KEEP
15 GAS IN THE CAR, WATER AND ELECTRICITY GOING. MANY PEOPLE HAVE
16 LOST VALUE IN THEIR HOMES AND HAVE A REDUCED WORKLOAD OR HAVE
17 LOST THEIR JOBS. OUR PROPERTY TAXES AND INCOME TAXES ARE HIGH.
18 I'M HERE TO SAY WE CAN'T TAKE IT ANY LONGER. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
21 [APPLAUSE.] ALL RIGHT. GERALD PELTON, PRISCILLA BENSON. CRUZ
22 GOMEZ. THOMAS MALLIN. HENRY PETERSON. HARRY PETERSON. PLEASE
23 COME FORWARD IF YOU ARE HERE. FOLLOWED BY MITZI MOGUL. I THINK
24 WE HEARD FROM MITZI MOGUL ALREADY. ALL RIGHT. PLEASE PROCEED.

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1 **JODY THOMAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE CHAIRMAN AND
2 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JODY THOMAS. I'M A LONGTIME RESIDENT
3 OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AND PRESIDENT OF THE OLD TOPANGA
4 HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION. I SUPPORT PUTTING THE CLEAN WATER,
5 CLEAN BEACHES INITIATIVE ON THE BALLOT SO THAT LOS ANGELES
6 COUNTY RESIDENTS CAN CHOOSE TO MAKE WATER QUALITY A LONG-TERM
7 PRIORITY. IT'S GOOD TO KNOW THAT FOR EVERY DOLLAR RAISED, A
8 DOLLAR AND 50 CENTS IS GENERATED IN NEW JOBS FOR L.A. COUNTY.
9 REDUCING AND CLEANING UP STORM WATER AND URBAN RUNOFF
10 CONTAMINANTS BEFORE THEY ENTER OUR OCEAN IS VITAL SO THAT ALL
11 ANGELINOS TODAY AND TOMORROW CAN BE ASSURED OF CLEAN WATER.
12 THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SIR?

15

16 **JAIME GARCIA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
17 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JAIME GARCIA WITH THE HOSPICE
18 ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. I AM HERE TO RESPECTFULLY
19 REQUEST THAT THIS BOARD DELAY ANY ACTION ON SCHEDULING A
20 SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THIS MEASURE. I DON'T BELIEVE THIS
21 MEASURE IS READY FOR PRIME TIME AND NEEDS SOME CONTINUED WORK
22 IN TERMS OF FLESHING OUT MANY OF THE QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS
23 THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED. I WON'T GO INTO DETAIL BECAUSE MANY OF
24 THOSE HAVE ALREADY BEEN STATED FOR THE RECORD. AND SO FOR THE
25 PURPOSES OF TIME, I JUST WANTED TO CONVEY OUR CONCERNS AND



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1 HOPEFULLY I WOULD LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE BOARD OF
2 PUBLIC WORKS AND BIZFED TO REALLY ADDRESS THOSE ISSUES BEFORE
3 PUTTING THIS MEASURE FOR A VOTE.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
6 SIR?

7

8 **GERALD PELTON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN, BOARD MEMBERS. MY
9 NAME IS GERALD PELTON AND I OWN SEVERAL INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS
10 IN VALENCIA AND SANTA CLARITA. I AM ALSO A BOARD MEMBER OF THE
11 VALENCIA COMMERCE CENTER ASSOCIATION THAT OVERSEES A 9 MILLION
12 SQUARE FOOT INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX IN SANTA CLARITA. I AS AN OWNER
13 AND AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BOARD PROTEST THE PROPOSED
14 CLEAN WATER FEE FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS. NUMBER 1, WE
15 BELIEVE THE PROCESS BY WHICH THE PARCEL OWNERS WERE NOTIFIED
16 IN JANUARY FOR THE PROTEST OPPORTUNITY WAS FUNDAMENTALLY
17 FLAWED. NUMBER TWO, THERE ARE NO FEE REDUCTIONS FOR PARCEL
18 OWNERS, OF WHICH I AM ONE, WHO ALREADY PAY FOR ON-SITE CAPTURE
19 AND TREATMENT. NUMBER 3, THERE ARE NO SPECIFICS ABOUT THE
20 SERVICES THIS MEASURE WOULD FUND. NUMBER 4, THE FEE PROPOSED
21 IS INDEFINITE WITH NO SUNSET CLAUSE OR OTHER ACCOUNTABILITY
22 PROVISION TO ENSURE THAT THE PROJECTS ARE MEETING THE INTENDED
23 CLEAN WATER GOALS.

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25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.



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2 **GERALD PELTON:** THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** INDEED. REYNA DIAZ, LISA
5 RUFFNER, ANNE HENDERSON, WILLIAM MORRISON, AND BONNIE WELCH.
6 ARE THOSE INDIVIDUALS HERE? GOING ONCE? GOING TWICE? IT'S
7 ABOUT TO BE GONE. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUZIE RUFFNER:** HI, MY NAME IS SUZIE RUFFNER, I'M SPEAKING FOR
10 LISA RUFFNER, WHO HAD TO GO. WE REPRESENT THE HASLEY CANYON
11 MOBILE HOME PARK WHICH IS OWNED BY MY RETIRED AND ELDERLY
12 MOTHER AND FATHER-IN-LAW. BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMIC DOWNTIME
13 WHICH HAS AFFECTED THE ECONOMIC CLASS OF OUR RESIDENTS
14 ESPECIALLY HARD, WE NOW HAVE ONLY ABOUT 100 SPACES FILLED OUT
15 OF 113 SPACES WE NORMALLY HAVE FILLED DURING ECONOMIC GOOD
16 TIMES. THE WAY THE FEE IS CALCULATED, IT ASSUMES PARCEL AREA
17 AND ISSUES A PERCENTAGE FACTOR. BUT WE ARE A VERY RURAL AREA.
18 THE ESTIMATE ASSESSMENT FOR THE MOBILE HOME PARK IS OVER
19 \$29,000. THIS IS ABOUT \$25 PER SPACE PER MONTH. NOT THE
20 TYPICAL FEE OF \$54. THE MAJORITY OF THE RESIDENTS ARE LOW
21 INCOME AND MY IN-LAWS HAVE WORKED VERY HARD TO KEEP RENTS AS
22 LOW AS POSSIBLE, ESPECIALLY IN THESE ECONOMIC TIMES. THIS WILL
23 BE A HUGE ECONOMIC HARDSHIP FOR US AND OUR RESIDENTS AND
24 THEREFORE WE STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS MEASURE. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. BRIAN BODELL? ISABEL
2 DUVIVIER. JOHN MENDOZA. CLARE CAREY. ZARA BENNETT. ARE THOSE
3 INDIVIDUALS HERE? IF YOU'RE HERE, JUST ELEVATE YOUR HAND SO
4 THAT WE CAN SEE YOU. THERE THEY ARE. COME ON DOWN. RAPHEL
5 ALVAREZ. PETER LIN. JULIA MOYE. ARE THOSE INDIVIDUALS HERE?
6 MIMI SOTO. ALL RIGHT. SIR? THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. DON KNABE, I
9 LIVE IN THE CITY OF POMONA WHERE THE VICE MAYOR WHO SITS ON
10 THE WATER COMMITTEE AND CITY COUNCIL OPPOSED THE TAX MEASURE
11 TWO WEEKS AGO. I SUPPORT THE TAX AS A NECESSARY TOOL TO CLEAN
12 UP THE ENVIRONMENT BUT IT'S TOO HIGH FOR MANY LOW INCOME
13 RESIDENTS. I HOPE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CAN CLEAN UP THE
14 LANGUAGE AND PUT SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT WERE PRESENTED HERE
15 TODAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOU MAY
18 PROCEED.

19

20 **CLARE CAREY:** ME?

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES, YOU.

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24 **CLARE CAREY:** HELLO, MY NAME IS CLARE CAREY. I AM A TAXPAYER, A
25 RESIDENT BUT I COME HERE TODAY REALLY AS A PARENT OF TWO



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1 CHILDREN IN THE L.A.U.S.D. SCHOOL SYSTEM. I HAVE BEEN WORKING
2 WITH SOME COLLEAGUES TO GREEN OUR CAMPUS. WE HAVE TAKEN 25,000
3 SQUARE FEET OF ASPHALT AND REMOVED IT AND WE'RE PUTTING A
4 WILDLIFE REFUGE IN. AND WHAT I HAVE LEARNED IS THAT THE
5 L.A.U.S.D. IS ACTUALLY VERY COOPERATIVE. I MEAN WE'RE VERY
6 PUSHY, BUT AT THE SAME TIME, WE HAVE FOUND PEOPLE IN
7 L.A.U.S.D. WHO ARE ABSOLUTELY INTERESTED IN GREENING THE
8 SCHOOLS. STEVE ZIMMER JUST WROTE A RESOLUTION REGARDING SCHOOL
9 NUTRITION AND GARDENS AND TYING IT TOGETHER. SO I DO BELIEVE
10 THAT THERE IS A GREAT WILL WITHIN THE L.A.U.S.D. TO HELP THE
11 ENVIRONMENT. AND I ALSO HAVE FOUND THAT THE COMMUNITY SUPPORTS
12 GREENING, THAT THERE IS PRIVATE MONEY. THERE'S MANY, MANY,
13 MANY GRANTS. THERE IS A TREMENDOUS GROUNDSWELL AND A MOVEMENT
14 TO GREEN SCHOOLS. I WOULD URGE YOU TO SAY THAT THE PEOPLE HERE
15 TODAY WHO SAY THAT THEY'RE FOR THE PEOPLE, MY CONCERN IS THAT
16 THEIR CONCERN ONLY IS FISCAL. THE ONLY THING THAT THEY'RE
17 TALKING ABOUT IS MONEY. AND I UNDERSTAND IT. I'M PERSONALLY
18 LATE ON MY MORTGAGE, TOO. I GET IT. HOWEVER, AS A PARENT, OUR
19 BIGGEST RESPONSIBILITY -- OH NO IS --

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** OH YES.

22

23 **CLARE CAREY:** IS TO GREEN CAMPUSES THEREFORE GREEN OUR WORLD.
24 AND WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY IS THAT IF GOVERNMENT FOR THE
25 PEOPLE AND BY THE PEOPLE SHALL NOT PERISH FROM THE EARTH.



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1 THAT'S THE PART WE NEED TO PAY ATTENTION TO HERE. WE NEED TO
2 PROTECT THIS EARTH THAT WE LIVE IN BECAUSE WE ALL LIVE HERE
3 RED, BLUE ALL OF US LIVE IN THIS GREEN EARTH. THANK YOU.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** HELLO?

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7 **CLARE CAREY:** YES.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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11 **ISABELLE DUVIVIER:** HI, MY NAME IS ISABELLE DUVIVIER. I'M A
12 PROPERTY OWNER AND AN ARCHITECT. I SUPPORT THIS BALLOT
13 MEASURE. I SUCCESSFULLY WORKED ON THE REMODEL OF A MORE THAN A
14 QUARTER ACRE REMOVAL OF ASPHALT AT A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN VENICE.
15 DURING A RAIN EVENT, THIS FIVE-ACRE SITE IN THE PAST FLOODED
16 ADJACENT STREETS. A GROUP OF PARENTS AND NEIGHBORS GOT
17 TOGETHER TO RAISE MONEY AND DESIGN AND INSTALL RAIN GARDENS,
18 PLANT HUNDREDS OF TREES, CREATE SWALES IN STRATEGIC LOCATIONS
19 TO ALLOW THE CAPTURE OF WATER TO INFILTRATE. THE BENEFIT WAS
20 HUGE AND SUCCESSFUL. IN FACT WE DID A PHASE 2, WHICH INCLUDED
21 ANOTHER QUARTER-ACRE REMOVAL OF ASPHALT TO PLANT THEME GARDENS
22 AND A SHAKESPEARE GARDEN. WE WORKED SUCCESSFULLY WITH THE
23 L.A.U.S.D. TEACHERS, THE PRINCIPAL. WHILE THIS SMALL
24 INTERVENTION DIDN'T SOLVE ALL THE RUNOFF PROBLEM FROM THE FIVE
25 ACRES OF PAVEMENT, WE CHANGED THE LIVES OF HUNDREDS OF



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1 CHILDREN BY PROVIDING HABITAT AND OPPORTUNITY FOR LEARNING.
2 THE SCHOOL NOW HAS A GARDEN TEACHER, A GREENING COMMITTEE, AND
3 MANY CHILDREN THAT GET THEIR HANDS DIRTY ALL THE TIME. IF THIS
4 MEASURE PASSES, IMAGINE HOW WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO USE THE MONEY
5 TO CREATE AN OASIS OF LEARNING. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ALL RIGHT.
8 LET ME SAY SOMETHING TO THOSE WHO ARE OBJECTING TO THE REMARKS
9 THAT ARE BEING MADE AT THIS POINT IN TIME. I THINK WE'VE HAD
10 AN ORDERLY HEARING AND A HEARING THAT'S GOVERNED BY CIVILITY.
11 NOW, I WILL WANT TO STRONGLY AND AS CLEARLY AS POSSIBLE
12 DISCOURAGE ANYTHING THAT IS REMINISCENT OF BOOING AND THE
13 LIKE. IT'S JUST NOT GOING TO BE TOLERATED. PLEASE PROCEED.

14

15 **ZARA BENNETT:** MY NAME IS ZARA BENNETT. I AM HERE TO SPEAK IN
16 FAVOR OF THIS MEASURE. I'M A PROPERTY OWNER IN WEST L.A. AND
17 I'M A RETIRED COLLEGE PROFESSOR WHO'S TURNED ENVIRONMENTAL
18 ACTIVIST, BECAUSE WHEN MY TWO CHILDREN WERE BORN, I SAW THAT
19 THESE WERE PRESSING ISSUES AND THAT I COULD BEST WEIGH IN ON
20 THEM BY WORKING TOWARDS EDUCATION, THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL
21 CHANGE AND PRESERVATION. AND SO I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THIS
22 MEASURE BECAUSE I THINK IT MATTERS. AS SOMEONE WHO'S BEEN
23 INVOLVED IN EDUCATION ALL MY LIFE, I SEE THAT THIS MEASURE IS
24 AN OPPORTUNITY TO EFFECT CHANGE AND TO CHANGE THE WAY WE IN
25 LOS ANGELES AND L.A. COUNTY RELATE TO OUR ENVIRONMENT THROUGH



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1 MANAGING OUR WATER AND THINKING ABOUT OUR OCEANS AND
2 WATERSHEDS IN IMPORTANT WAYS. AND I THINK IT'S CRITICAL FOR
3 OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION. BECAUSE THIS MEASURE PROVIDES
4 RESOURCES FOR GREENING CAMPUSES AND FOR TRAINING STEWARDS.
5 THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THE NEXT SPEAKER?

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9 **MIMI SOTO:** YEAH, HI. MY NAME IS MIMI SOTO AND I REPRESENT
10 S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721. I AM ALSO THE UNION REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE
11 MEMBERS WHO ACTUALLY DO THE STORM WATER WORK FOR THE CITY OF
12 LOS ANGELES. AND WE ARE HERE IN FAVOR OF THE MEASURE. YOU
13 KNOW, THERE'S NEVER A GOOD ECONOMIC TIME. WHEN IT'S GOOD,
14 PEOPLE SAY WE NEED TO SAVE FOR WHEN IT'S NOT GOOD. THE BUDGET
15 WAS JUST BALANCED IN CALIFORNIA. AND A LITTLE SURPLUS WE HAVE
16 AS FAR AS I UNDERSTAND. A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE THAT
17 THERE TAKES MONEY TO NOT ONLY MAINTAIN THESE BUT TO ALSO, THEY
18 ALSO NEED TO BE, A LOT OF THEM REDONE. LOS ANGELES IS VERY
19 OLD. AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE IS FALLING. YOU HEAR ABOUT ALL
20 THESE PIPES THAT BURST AND SO FORTH. THEY ARE REALLY, REALLY
21 IN BAD SHAPE. WE ARE NOT A THIRD WORLD COUNTRY. PEOPLE, TO BE
22 ABLE TO DEAL WITH RAISING CHILDREN, THE ELDERLY AND SO FORTH,
23 NEED TO HAVE CLEAN WATER. WE DON'T NEED TO LIVE LIKE A THIRD
24 WORLD COUNTRY BECAUSE WE HAVE THE MONEY TO DO IT AND WE NEED
25 TO. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WE'LL HEAR FROM CAM
3 NOLTEMEYER. KEVIN IVY, TERRY CRAIN. HORACE HEIDT. JERRY
4 SCHUBEL. LIZ CROSSON. ANGEL CABRAL, JR. TRACY RAFTER, CINDY
5 HYNES, LISA BAILEY. STEVE COLF. GAYLE HARRIS. CYNTHIA KIMURA.
6 MARTHA COX NITIKMAN. WAYNE BERGERON. EILEEN HUPP. EDWARD
7 HEADINGTON AND NICOLAS NELSON. SANDY MANGIO. IF I HAVE CALLED
8 YOUR NAME, DON'T BE BASHFUL, PLEASE MAKE YOUR WAY TO THE
9 MICROPHONE. MA'AM?

10

11 **JULIA MOYE:** HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS JULIA
12 MOYE, AND I'M PRESIDENT OF THE METROPOLITAN LOS ANGELES BRANCH
13 OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS. I'M HERE ON BEHALF
14 OF OUR 4,000 MEMBERS TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED INITIATIVE. I
15 WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT FOR THE RECORD A RESOLUTION FROM OUR
16 BRANCH AS WELL AS A LETTER FROM OUR SOCIETY PRESIDENT
17 SUPPORTING THIS MEASURE. LAST YEAR OUR BRANCH RELEASED ITS
18 2012 REPORT CARD ON LOS ANGELES COUNTY INFRASTRUCTURE AND
19 RATED THE EXISTING STORM WATER INFRASTRUCTURE FOR URBAN RUNOFF
20 AT A D. WE NOT ONLY FEEL THAT THIS DEDICATED FUNDING WOULD
21 IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF STORM WATER IN OUR WATER BODIES BUT IT
22 WOULD ALSO CREATE JOBS AND SPUR THE ECONOMY AND INDUSTRIES
23 ESPECIALLY THAT INNOVATE, DEVELOP, DESIGN, BUILD AND MAINTAIN
24 WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH BY SUPPORTING
25 ENTITIES. IN ADDITION, CITIZENS WOULD DERIVE AESTHETIC AND



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1 RECREATIONAL SERVICE VALUES THROUGH THE IMPROVED HABITAT AND
2 ECOSYSTEM OF OUR WATER BODIES. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU AS
3 ELECTED OFFICIALS PRIORITIZE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT FOR THE
4 FUTURE OF OUR COUNTY.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MA'AM. YOU MAY
7 PROCEED.

8

9 **CAM NOLTEMEYER:** CAM NOLTEMEYER. I'M A RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF
10 SANTA CLARITA. THIS IS DOUBLE TAXATION FOR US. THIS IS AN
11 UNFUNDED MANDATE. THIS IS AN IMPROPER USE OF PROPOSITION 218.
12 50 PERCENT OF WHAT WOULD BE ALLOCATED UNDER THIS GOES TO NINE
13 WATERSHED AUTHORITY GROUPS. WE HAVE NO IDEA HOW THAT IS GOING
14 TO BE ALLOCATED. L.A. COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT CLEARLY
15 STATED IN THE INFORMATION YOU HAVE RECEIVED IN YOUR PACKET
16 THAT THIS PROCESS AND OTHER WATER QUALITY REGULATIONS WILL BE
17 IN THE BILLIONS OF DOLLARS. THIS CANNOT BE ON PROPERTY OWNERS
18 ONLY. THIS HAS TO BE A GENERAL, THIS PROCESS SHOULD BE STOPPED
19 RIGHT HERE AND NOW. I FULLY SUPPORT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S
20 MOTION AND I BELIEVE THIS HAS TO BE BROUGHT BACK AS A GENERAL
21 ELECTION PROCESS FOR EVERYONE, NOT JUST PROPERTY OWNERS. AND I
22 HOPE THAT WE WILL HAVE SUPPORT FROM THE OTHER SUPERVISORS.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SIR?

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1 **KEVIN IVY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. KEVIN IVY, RESIDENT OF
2 LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN WESTCHESTER AND IN THE SECOND
3 SUPERVISORY DISTRICT. TODAY I REPRESENT N.A.O.P. SO. CAL. WE
4 ARE AN ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE OWNERS AND
5 DEVELOPERS. AND ON BEHALF OF OUR 900 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
6 MEMBERS AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH OUR BIZFED COALITION PARTNERS,
7 WE ARE OPPOSED TO WHAT AMOUNTS TO A PARCEL TAX FOR STORM WATER
8 RUNOFF PROGRAMS AND WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU VOTE THIS
9 MEASURE DOWN AND THAT IT NOT MOVE FORWARD. IN REALITY, THERE
10 IS ALREADY A HUGE REGULATORY SYSTEM IN PLACE WHICH INCLUDES
11 FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL CLEAN WATER ACTS. MOREOVER, THE
12 PRIVATE SECTOR ALREADY IS ENGAGED IN MEETING CLEAN WATER AND
13 STORM WATER RUNOFF RULES WHEN IT COMPLIES WITH LOCAL BUILDING
14 CODE. TO DEMONSTRATE, HOWEVER, THAT WE'RE NOT JUST ABOUT
15 SAYING NO, N.A.O.P. SO. CAL, IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER
16 INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES HAVE SUCCESSFULLY PROVED THAT IT CAN
17 COOPERATE WITH COUNTY STAFF AND WE HAVE DONE SO IN THE
18 REVISIONS TO LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT AND DROUGHT TOLERANT
19 ORDINANCES WHICH WE COMPLETED IN 2008. WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST
20 THAT WE HAVE A SEAT AT THE TABLE, THAT THIS PROGRAM, OR THAT
21 THIS ORDINANCE GO BACK TO COUNTY STAFF AND THAT WE HAVE AN
22 OPPORTUNITY TO BE AT THE TABLE FOR REVISIONS IN THE FUTURE.
23 THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SIR?



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2 **HORACE HEIDT:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS HORACE HEIDT. I'M
3 VICE CHAIR OF THE UNITED CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE OUT AT SAN
4 FERNANDO VALLEY. WE ARE PART OF THE BIZFED COALITION AND IS
5 STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THIS MEASURE AS IT IS CURRENTLY WRITTEN.
6 AND WE URGE YOU TO DELAY ANY ACTION UNTIL ALL OF THE ISSUES
7 HAVE BEEN RESOLVED. WHICH APPRECIATE THE STAFF OF THE
8 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CONTINUING TO WORK WITH US IN GOOD
9 FAITH TO TRY TO ADDRESS OUR CONCERNS. PRESENTLY THE MEASURE IS
10 NOWHERE NEAR READY TO MOVE FORWARD. SO WE ASK YOU TO GIVE ALL
11 OF US MORE TIME. I AM A RENTAL PROPERTY OWNER. AND MY FEE WILL
12 BE IN EXCESS OF \$10,000 A YEAR. I DON'T CONSIDER THAT MY FAIR
13 SHARE. ALSO, WE CANNOT PASS THIS ON TO THE RESIDENTS IN OUR
14 PROPERTY. SOME OF OUR MEMBERS ARE CONCERNED THAT THE MONEY MAY
15 BE USED AND COULD BE USED TO BUY PRIVATE PROPERTY FOR THE NEW
16 LOS ANGELES RIVER REVITALIZATION PROJECT. THAT WOULD BE A
17 MISUSE OF THESE FUNDS. THE MEASURE WILL LIKELY FACE
18 INSURMOUNTABLE OPPOSITION IF IT MOVES FORWARD AT THIS TIME. WE
19 URGE YOU TO GIVE ALL PARTIES THE TIME THEY NEED TO WORK OUT AN
20 EQUITABLE RESOLUTION OF THIS MATTER. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
23 SIR?

24



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1 **ANGEL CABRAL:** THANK YOU. I'M AN INDEPENDENT BUSINESSMAN. I'D
2 LIKE TO LET YOU KNOW I MISSED WORK TO BE HERE TODAY.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** AND YOUR NAME IS?

5

6 **ANGEL CABRAL:** MY NAME IS ANGEL CABRAL, JR. YOU'RE KILLING ME.
7 HERE ARE SOME OF MY TAXES. PROPERTY TAXES. I OWN OVER 20
8 PARCELS. THE RED ONES, WELL YOU KNOW WHAT THE RED ONES ARE,
9 THEY'RE LATE. THIS JUST ADDS MORE WEIGHT TO MY BACK FOR ME TO
10 STRAP ON. I'M NOT ON WELFARE GETTING A FREE RIDE. TO SAY OH
11 YEAH LET'S TAKE YOUR PENSION. LET'S TAKE YOUR PENSION. THAT'S
12 KILLING ME. TO PUT IT ON MY BACK AND SAY WELL YOU WORK, YOU
13 CAN PAY FOR IT. IT DON'T WORK THAT WAY. IN MY HOUSE WHEN WE
14 DON'T HAVE MONEY, WE DON'T EAT PIZZA. WE DO WITHIN OUR BUDGET.
15 IT DOESN'T TAKE A MATH SCIENTIST TO FIGURE THAT OUT. THANK
16 YOU.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] PLEASE.

19

20 **TRACY RAFTER:** HELLO, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU. I'M TRACY RAFTER,
21 THE FOUNDING C.E.O. OF BIZFED, THE L.A. COUNTY BUSINESS
22 FEDERATION. AS YOU HEARD FROM MANY MEMBERS TODAY, WE'VE
23 ORGANIZED 110 TOP BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY
24 REPRESENTING OVER 250,000 COMPANIES. WE JOINED FORCES WITH YOU
25 THAT DAY, YOU TOOK THE VOTE THIS SUMMER TO LOOK INTO THIS



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1 MEASURE. WE BEGAN WORKING WITH THE COUNTY STAFF. WE'VE HAD
2 MANY MEETINGS WITH ALL OF YOUR OFFICES AS WELL AS THE COUNTY
3 C.E.O. WE UNDERSTAND THAT OUR 88 CITIES AND UNINCORPORATED
4 COUNTIES FACE A TREMENDOUS CHALLENGE ON COMPLYING WITH THE
5 CLEAN WATER ACT. WE'RE REALISTS AND WE'RE VERY PRAGMATIC. BUT
6 WHEN WE SAW THAT THERE WAS A FEE OR A TAX THAT WOULD GENERATE
7 \$9 BILLION OVER THE NEXT 30 YEARS AND THAT WE WOULD BE THE
8 ONES PAYING THAT, WE TOOK SERIOUS INTEREST IN THAT AND WE CAME
9 TO THE TABLE AND SAID LET'S MAKE SURE FOR THAT \$9 BILLION WE
10 WILL GET SUCCESSFUL, SUSTAINABLE ACHIEVEMENT WITH THAT MONEY.
11 WHEN WE ASKED THE QUESTIONS, WE DID NOT GET ANY ANSWERS.
12 THERE'S NO SPECIFICITY THERE YET. WE THINK THIS NEEDS MORE
13 TIME. WE WANT TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM AND WE'RE WILLING TO WORK
14 WITH YOU TO DO THAT. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
17 MA'AM, IF YOU WOULD.

18

19 **CINDY HYNES:** HI, MY NAME IS CINDY HYNES AND I WANT THE THANK
20 YOU FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO FOR L.A. I KNOW YOU GUYS WORK REALLY
21 HARD AT THIS. I'M A PROPERTY OWNER. I OPPOSE THE METHOD OF THE
22 NOTIFICATION FOR THIS. AND I ALSO OPPOSE THE FEE OR TAX TO OUR
23 ALREADY HIGH PROPERTY TAX RATES. THIS PROGRAM WAS BROUGHT UP
24 AT A TIME WHEN THE ECONOMY WAS STRONGER. IN THIS WEAK ECONOMY,
25 I FEEL IT'S A HUGE MISTAKE TO IMPLEMENT THIS AT THIS TIME. THE



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1 PROPERTY TAXES I PAY RIGHT NOW ARE EXTREMELY HIGH. ADDITIONAL
2 FEES DON'T MAKE SENSE. I DO UNDERSTAND THAT THE BUSINESS
3 OWNERS WILL NEED TO PAY HIGHER RENT. AND THAT'S GOING TO BE
4 PASSED ON TO US. WE'LL NEED TO PAY HIGHER TAXES BECAUSE THE
5 SCHOOLS ARE GOING TO NEED TO BE ABLE TO PAY THIS FEE. AND I
6 JUST ASK YOU AS THE SUPERVISORS AT THIS TIME TO DO THE RIGHT
7 THING FOR US, THE PEOPLE. AND I THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
10 MA'AM, IF YOU WOULD PROCEED.

11

12 **GAYLE HARRIS:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS GAYLE HARRIS. AND I'M ONE
13 OF THE LEADERS WITH THE VAL VERDE CIVIC ASSOCIATION. I'M HERE
14 REPRESENTING PROPERTY OWNERS AND THE LIKE IN OPPOSITION TO
15 THIS MOVEMENT. NUMBER 1, IT WOULD REALLY ADVERSELY, CRITICALLY
16 AFFECT THE ELDERLY AND THE RETIRED CITIZENS. IT WOULD ALSO
17 HAVE SUCH AN IMPACT, NEGATIVE IMPACT ON THE STUDENTS. BECAUSE
18 INITIALLY YOU'RE GOING TO LOOK AT LOSS OF TEACHERS, LOSS OF
19 MONIES TO SUPPLY MATERIALS. SO I'M ASKING RESPECTFULLY THAT,
20 NUMBER ONE, YOU GIVE US SOME TIME TO WORK OUT EQUITABLE WAYS
21 TO HANDLE THIS CLEAR WATER ISSUE. WE ALL WANT CLEAR WATER. AND
22 WE DEFINITELY RESPECT WHAT YOU'RE DOING AND THANK YOU FOR WHAT
23 YOU'RE DOING.

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SIR?



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CYNTHIA KIMURA: HI, MY NAME IS CYNTHIA KIMURA. AND I'M A
PROPERTY OWNER. AND I OPPOSE THIS FEE. I RECENTLY PURCHASED MY
HOME IN VAL VERDE, WHICH IS A RURAL AREA. AND NOW I'M HIT WITH
ANOTHER FEE. IT'S JUST NOT FAIR TO KEEP MAKING HOMEOWNERS PAY
OVER AND OVER AGAIN. I DO BELIEVE IN CLEAN WATER. JUST NOT
THIS WAY. I DID RECEIVE THE MAILER THAT EVERYONE CONSIDERS WAS
JUNK. AND I DON'T SEE HOW OVER 50 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE WERE
SUPPOSED TO RESPOND TO THIS WHEN THEY THOUGHT IT WAS JUNK. SO
IT DIDN'T MAKE ANY SENSE. WHAT I'M ASKING IS: YOU HAVE A FAIR
BALLOT ELECTION. SEE WHAT THE PEOPLE REALLY WANT. THANK YOU.

12

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU. SIR, YOU MAY PROCEED.

14

EDWARD HEADINGTON: GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIRMAN. MY NAME'S ED
HEADINGTON. I'M A SMALL BUSINESS OWNER, A HOMEOWNER, PRESIDENT
OF THE GRENADA HILLS NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL, WHICH
REPRESENTS ABOUT 30,000 STAKEHOLDERS, MOST OF WHICH ARE
HOMEOWNERS THAT COULD BE AFFECTED BY THIS TAX. LIKE MANY
PEOPLE IN THE ROOM, I'VE TAKEN TIME AWAY FROM WORK AND FAMILY
TO BE HERE. AND LIKE MANY OF YOU, I'M ALL FOR CLEAN BEACHES
AND FOR CLEAN WATER. BUT I STAND OR RATHER I SIT IN STRONG
OPPOSITION TO THIS PERMANENT TAX. IT BOILS DOWN TO TWO THINGS.
TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY. IT'S WRONG TO PUSH THROUGH A
QUARTER BILLION DOLLAR ANNUAL TAX WITH JUNK MAIL CAMPAIGN

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1 DURING THE HOLIDAYS. IT'S WRONG TO CREATE AN UNELECTED AND
2 UNACCOUNTABLE BUREAUCRACY TO SPEND TAXPAYER MONEY WITHOUT
3 SPECIFICS. IT'S WRONG TO PLACE AN UNDUE BURDEN ON HARD WORKING
4 FAMILIES AND FIXED INCOME SENIORS WHO ARE ALREADY STRUGGLING.
5 THE DEVIL IS IN THE DETAILS. BUT WE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW WHAT
6 THOSE DETAILS ARE. WHAT WE DO KNOW IS THAT THIS WILL BE A
7 PERMANENT TAX. THERE'S NO APPEAL. THERE'S NO END DATE. I
8 STRONGLY URGE YOU TO STOP THIS TAX. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

11

12 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS -- I'M A BELL RESIDENT.
13 I'M AN ACTIVIST. AND I JUST WANT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT ONE
14 MINUTE'S NOT ENOUGH TIME. WE ARE TAXED TO DEATH. I NEVER
15 RECEIVED THE JUNK MAIL. FIVE MAJOR BANKS HAVE PLEADED GUILTY
16 AND NOT ONE OF THEM IS BEING CHARGED. ALL OUR AMERICAN
17 FAMILIES ARE LOSING THEIR HOMES. I THINK WE'RE BECOMING
18 BLACKMAILED. I THINK GREED AND CORRUPTION IS DESTROYING THE
19 WORLD. AND I THINK OUR VETERANS WILL BE ROLLING OVER IN THEIR
20 GRAVES IF THEY GOT TO SEE WHAT AMERICA IS ALL ABOUT. I WANT
21 ALL THE PEOPLE, WE ARE THE SLEEPING, TAX-PAYING GIANTS. I WANT
22 EVERYONE THAT IS CONCERNED ABOUT THESE ISSUES TO PARTICIPATE,
23 GET INVOLVED IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND CONTINUE TO FIGHT FOR
24 JUSTICE. THANK YOU.

25



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT, SIR?

2

3 **STEVE COLF:** MY NAME IS STEVE COLF AND I REPRESENT MY WIFE
4 MARYANNE AND MYSELF. AS SENIOR CITIZENS LIVING ON A FIXED
5 INCOME, WE HAVE ONE PIECE OF PROPERTY THAT OUR TAX RATE GOES
6 UP 50 PERCENT. IT GOES FROM \$600 A MONTH TO \$1100 A MONTH. ON
7 ONE PIECE OF PROPERTY THAT IS BY AND LARGE OPEN SPACE. ALMOST
8 NO PAVEMENT ON IT WHATSOEVER. AND YOU'RE ASKING US -- THE ONE
9 CONSTANT THREAD TODAY THAT WE'VE HEARD FROM VIRTUALLY EVERY
10 SPEAKER IS THE POOR QUALITY OF THE BROCHURE AND THE
11 COMMUNICATION WITH THAT BROCHURE. YOU'RE ASKING US TO TRUST
12 YOU WITH OUR MONEY WHEN YOU SPEND 1.65 MILLION ON A FAILED
13 BROCHURE AND COMMUNICATION EFFORT. I DON'T WANT TO DO THAT. I
14 WANT THIS BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD. I WANT IT DONE CORRECTLY
15 AND THEN GIVEN OUT TO A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
16 TIME.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, SIR.
19 MA'AM?

20

21 **LISA BAILEY:** HI, I'M LISA BAILEY, PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF THE
22 IRWINDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. I'M ALSO SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF
23 THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY LEGISLATIVE COALITION OF CHAMBERS AND
24 AS A MEMBER OF BIZFED. WE ARE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THIS MEASURE
25 AS IT IS CURRENTLY WRITTEN, AND WE URGE YOU TO DELAY ANY



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1 ACTION UNTIL ALL OF THE ISSUES HAVE BEEN RESOLVED. ONE OF OUR
2 SPECIFIC CONCERNS IS THAT THERE IS NO PROVISION FOR FEE
3 WAIVERS OR RATE REDUCTIONS FOR PROPERTIES THAT HAVE STORM
4 WATER PROCESSES IN PLACE. MANY HAVE MADE HUGE INVESTMENTS TO
5 CAPTURE STORM WATER AND THEREFORE ARE NOT CONTRIBUTING TO THE
6 PROBLEM. THESE PROPERTIES SHOULD HAVE THEIR FEES WAVED OR
7 SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED. TWO SUCH PROPERTIES ARE MILLER CORES
8 AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON'S ENERGY EDUCATION CENTER, BOTH
9 LOCATED IN THE CITY OF IRWINDALE. I WOULD BE HAPPY TO ARRANGE
10 TOURS FOR ANY OF YOU TO GO TO EITHER OF THESE PROPERTIES AND
11 SO THAT YOU COULD SEE FOR YOURSELF WHAT THEY'VE BEEN ABLE TO
12 PUT IN HAND. THIS MEASURE WILL FACE STRONG OPPOSITION IF IT
13 MOVES FORWARD IN ITS CURRENT FORM. THEREFORE WE URGE YOU TO
14 GIVE ALL PARTIES THE TIME THEY NEED TO GET IT RIGHT. THANK
15 YOU.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M GOING
18 TO HEAR FROM THE NEXT SPEAKER. YOUR NAME IS?

19

20 **MARTHA COX NITIKMAN:** MY NAME IS MARTHA COX NITIKMAN. I
21 REPRESENT THE BUILDING OWNERS AND MANAGERS ASSOCIATION WHOSE
22 MEMBERS OWN AND MANAGE OVER 155 MILLION SQUARE FEET OF OFFICE
23 SPACE THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE'RE PART OF THE BIZFED
24 COALITION THAT STRONGLY OPPOSES THIS MEASURE AS WRITTEN AND WE
25 URGE YOU TO DELAY ANY ACTION UNTIL ALL ISSUES HAVE BEEN



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1 RESOLVED. THERE ARE SOME SPECIFIC CONCERNS THAT I WOULD LIKE
2 TO POINT OUT. FIRST, THERE ARE NO FEE REDUCTIONS FOR PARCEL
3 OWNERS WHO ALREADY PAY FOR ON-SITE CAPTURE AND TREATMENT. MANY
4 OFFICE BUILDING OWNERS ARE MANDATED TO INSTALL VARIOUS
5 MECHANISMS TO TREAT AND REDUCE RUNOFF AND ARE NOW FACED WITH
6 ADDITIONAL FEES WITHOUT RECEIVING BENEFIT. SECOND, THOUSANDS
7 OF COMMERCIAL OWNERS OPERATE UNDER PERMITS EACH YEAR AT A HIGH
8 COST. PROJECTS UNDER THIS PROGRAM SHOULD ALIGN WITH THE
9 ALTERNATIVE COMPLIANCE ALLOWED IN THE COUNTY'S STORM WATER
10 PERMIT. WE THEREFORE URGE YOU TO GIVE ALL PARTIES THE TIME
11 THEY NEED TO GET THIS IMPORTANT PROGRAM RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY
12 MUCH.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
15 TESTIMONY. ALL RIGHT. WE'LL NOW HEAR FROM DAVID KOO, PAMELA
16 CONLEY, MICHAEL BEASLEY. IF YOU HEAR YOUR NAME, PLEASE COME
17 FORWARD. JACK HUMPHERILLE. RET DAVILA, WILLIAM WRIGHT.
18 ELIZABETH MARTYN. DAVE KEMP. BRENDON HUFFMAN. NGIABI GICUHI.
19 TERESA YOUNG. ALL RIGHT. NORMAN PLOTKIN. WE'LL BEGIN WITH YOU,
20 SIR.

21

22 **MICHAEL BEASLEY:** THANK YOU AND GOOD AFTERNOON. I'LL BE
23 SUBMITTING MY FULL TESTIMONY FOR THE RECORD AND I'LL JUST
24 TOUCH ON THE HIGHLIGHTS HERE TODAY. I'M MICHAEL BEASLEY, A
25 SENIOR ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIALIST WITH THE BOEING COMPANY. TODAY



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1 WE ARE FILING PROTESTS FOR THE 49 PARCELS THAT WE OWN. IN
2 PART, WE ARE PROTESTING FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS: THE
3 INEFFECTIVE PUBLIC OUTREACH. THERE'S NO ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF
4 EXISTING STORM WATER LAWS OR THE CONTROL REQUIREMENTS THAT OUR
5 FACILITIES CURRENTLY ARE UNDER. THE TAX FORMULA IS
6 OVERSIMPLIFIED. THERE'S NO SPECIFIC PROJECT CRITERIA. THE LACK
7 OF ACCOUNTABILITY AND THE NO SUNSET DATE. FOR THESE REASONS,
8 THE BOEING COMPANY IS OPPOSED TO THE MEASURE AS IT'S CURRENTLY
9 WRITTEN. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU. SIR?

12

13 **SIMBOA WRIGHT:** HI, MY NAME IS SIMBOA WRIGHT. I AM A HOMEOWNER
14 IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES. AND I AM AN ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARD. I
15 STARTED AS A TEENAGER WITH YOUTH AND ENVIRONMENT WITH MARK
16 RIDLEY-THOMAS AS CHAIRMAN NOW. I WENT ON TO L.A. CONSERVATION
17 CORPS CLEAN AND GREEN. AND NOW I'M A PROUD WASTE WATER
18 COLLECTION WORKER WITH THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES BUREAU OF
19 SANITATION. I MAINTAIN THESE STORM WATER CATCH BASINS AND
20 FLOOD CONTROL SYSTEMS WITHIN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. AND I
21 SEE WHAT GOES IN THERE, FROM TRASH TO BOTTLES OF AMMONIA,
22 BLEACH BOTTLES, MOTOR OIL. AND WHAT HAPPENS IF WE DON'T DO
23 THIS? WHAT HAPPENS IS, IT GOES STRAIGHT TO OUR OCEAN, TO THE
24 L.A. RIVER, SANTA MONICA BAY. SO I URGE YOU TO SUPPORT THIS.
25 THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANKS VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
3 TESTIMONY, SIR. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MA'AM?

4

5 **RITA DAVILA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.
6 MY NAME IS RITA DAVILA. I AM POLICY DIRECTOR OF MUJERES DE LA
7 TIERRA. OUR PRESIDENT IS CURRENTLY ATTENDING A RETREAT IN HER
8 CAPACITY AS A MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES REGIONAL QUALITY
9 CONTROL WATER BOARD. HER NAME IS EVA MUNOZ, AND I WILL READ
10 THIS BRIEF STATEMENT ON HER BEHALF. MUJERES DE LA TIERRA'S
11 POLICY PRINCIPLES SUPPORT MANY OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PARCEL
12 FEE BEING PROPOSE TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
13 SUPERVISORS BY THE COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT TO REMOVE AND
14 PREVENT POLLUTION AND STORM WATER. HOWEVER, THE PROCESS FROM
15 INVOLVING STAKEHOLDERS TO THE FORMAL DELIVERY OF THE HEARING
16 NOTICE AND PROTEST PROCEDURE IS FUNDAMENTALLY FLAWED, BECAUSE
17 IT DISADVANTAGES PROPERTY OWNERS WITH NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE
18 PROFICIENCIES AND INDIVIDUALS WITH NO OTHER KNOWLEDGE OF THIS
19 PENDING MEASURE. GIVEN THE RARE OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE FUNDING
20 FOR UPSTREAM STORM WATER PROJECTS, WE URGE YOU TO DIRECT STAFF
21 TO START THE PROCESS FROM THE BEGINNING TOWARDS AN INCLUSIVE,
22 OPEN AND ACCESSIBLE PROCESS REFLECTING THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF LOS
23 ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU.

24



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
2 TESTIMONY. ALL RIGHT. SIR?

3

4 **WILLIAM WRIGHT:** HELLO. GOOD AFTERNOON AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR
5 TIME. MY NAME IS WILL WRIGHT. I WORK FOR THE AMERICAN
6 INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS AND I'M ALSO HERE ON BEHALF OF THE
7 L.A. COUNTY BUSINESS FEDERATION. I'M HERE TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO
8 DELAY ACTION ON THIS AND LET'S GET IT RIGHT. THIS IS AN
9 EXTREMELY IMPORTANT MEASURE FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND
10 THE HEALTH OF OUR WATERSHED. I WANT TO COMMEND PHIL DOUDAR AND
11 MARK PESTRELLA AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR HELPING
12 WORK WITH US ON THIS. THEY'RE WILLING TO LISTEN. THEY'RE
13 WILLING TO LET US HAVE INFLUENCE ON THIS ORDINANCE IN THE
14 LANGUAGE SO THAT WE CAN ENSURE THAT THERE IS MORE DESIGN
15 LEADERSHIP ON THE OVERSIGHT BOARD. THE A.I.A. WOULD ALSO LIKE
16 TO SEE MORE ARCHITECTS INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT CRITERIA LIST.
17 WE NEED TO FIND WAYS TO HAVE MORE HOLISTIC INFLUENCE SO THAT
18 WE'RE OPTIMIZING OUR INVESTMENTS AND PRESERVING OUR CLEAN
19 WATER. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SIR?

22

23 **NORMAN PLOTKIN:** MR. CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISORS, NORMAN PLOTKIN
24 REPRESENTING THE AUTOMOTIVE AFTERMARKET INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION.
25 IT'S A \$30 BILLION INDUSTRY IN CALIFORNIA EMPLOYING 250,000



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1 CALIFORNIANS. WE'RE ORGANIZING CURRENTLY OUR THOUSANDS OF
2 MEMBERS WHO ARE AFFECTED BY THIS MEASURE. BUT I WOULD SAY THAT
3 COMPETITION IN THE AFTERMARKET IS FIERCE, UNDER GLOBAL FORCES,
4 PRESSURES FROM GLOBAL FORCES, THE INTERNET, ECONOMIC DOWNTURN,
5 MARGINS ARE THIN AND THERE IS NO WAY TO ABSORB INCREASED
6 COSTS. SO WITH ONLY A MINUTE, I WILL FOREGO MY MANY LEGAL
7 ARGUMENTS THAT I HAVE HERE AND JUST SUGGEST THAT I WOULD
8 ASSOCIATE MYSELF WITH ALL OF THE COMPELLING ARGUMENTS YOU'VE
9 HEARD TODAY AND DISASSOCIATE MYSELF WITH THE ARGUMENTS THAT
10 YOU BELIEVE WERE SPECIOUS. WITH THAT SAID, WE WOULD JUST ASK
11 THAT YOU PUT THIS MATTER OVER.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

14

15 **BRENDAN HUFFMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. BRENDAN HUFFMAN WITH SOUTH
16 BAY ASSOCIATION OF CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE. WE ARE 16 CHAMBERS OF
17 COMMERCE BETWEEN L.A. HARBOR AND L.A.X. TOURISM IS A VERY HUGE
18 PART OF OUR ECONOMY. WE NEED CLEAN BEACHES AND SAFE WATER IN
19 ORDER FOR OUR ECONOMY TO THRIVE. THAT BEING SAID, WE'RE VERY
20 DISCOURAGED ABOUT THE PROCESS BY WHICH OUR MEMBERS ARE HEARING
21 ABOUT THIS. SOME OF US, MYSELF INCLUDED, NEVER EVEN GOT THE
22 BALLOT. MOST OF OUR MEMBERS ARE HEARING ABOUT THIS FOR THE
23 FIRST TIME IN TODAY'S NEWSPAPER. IN ANY EVENT, WE'D LIKE TO
24 START OVER WITH YOU. WE ENCOURAGE THE COUNTY TO START OVER AND
25 COME UP WITH A BETTER PRODUCT THAN WHAT'S ON THE TABLE TODAY.



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1 I REMEMBER WHEN I WORKED AT THE L.A. CHAMBER BACK IN '02 THE
2 COUNTY APPROACHED THE L.A. CHAMBER ABOUT A PARCEL TAX TO FUND
3 A VERY BROKEN HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. DAVID JANSSEN REACHED OUT TO
4 US, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, THE CHAMBER AND THE BUSINESS
5 COMMUNITY AT LARGE ENDING UP SUPPORTING THAT PARCEL TAX.
6 TOGETHER, SAVED THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. WE'D LIKE THAT SAME
7 SPIRIT OF COOPERATION MOVING FORWARD. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **TERESA YOUNG:** OKAY. TERESA YOUNG. I OPPOSE THIS MEASURE
12 BECAUSE IT'S REDUNDANT WITH WHAT WE HAVE AND THERE ARE A LOT
13 OF THINGS ON THE MEASURE THAT ARE -- JUST WON'T WORK. TODAY I
14 BROUGHT A BOTTLE FOR YOU TO LOOK AT. IT'S A COKE BOTTLE. I
15 FOUND IT AT MUGU LAGOON, WHICH IS WHERE I WORK. I'VE BEEN
16 WORKING THERE 12 YEARS AS A BIOLOGIST. ON THE BOTTLE IT SAYS
17 VENTURA, HAS ANOTHER THING ON THERE AND THEN IT SAYS VENTURA,
18 CALIFORNIA. SO I KNOW WHERE THIS BOTTLE WAS MADE. AND FOR THE
19 VAST MAJORITY OF TRASH, MOST TRASH IS DROPPED WHERE IT WAS
20 USED AND LEFT OFF. SOMETIMES TRANSPORTED BY TRAINS OR CARS AND
21 THROWN OUT THE WINDOW AND SOMETIMES BY OUR WATER. BUT FOR THE
22 MOST PART, WE CAN SEE, BECAUSE I FOUND THIS, THIS IS EARLY
23 1950S BOTTLE, THAT IT WAS PROBABLY CONSUMED THERE AND DROPPED
24 THERE. THAT IS TRUE FOR JUST ABOUT MOST TRASH. AND SO HOW DO



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1 YOU DO THIS? HOW DO YOU DEAL WITH WHAT YOU CAN'T DO WITH YOUR
2 MEASURE? REBATES.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM, THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER,
5 PLEASE.

6

7 **JACK HUMPHERILLE:** MY NAME IS JACK HUMPHERILLE, I'M A
8 CONTRIBUTOR TO "CITY WATCH L.A." I OPPOSE THIS MEASURE. THIS
9 \$300 MILLION TAX IS REALLY A \$45 BILLION TAX OVER THE NEXT 30
10 YEARS, AND THAT'S IF WE'RE LUCKY. THE ANNUAL TAX WILL GO FROM
11 300 MILLION TO AN AVERAGE OF \$1.5 BILLION OVER THE NEXT 30
12 YEARS, PEAKING AT ABOUT 2-1/2 TO \$3 BILLION DURING THE PEAK
13 YEARS. THE OVERSIGHT THAT YOU'RE PROPOSING IS FLAWED. RATHER
14 THAN APPOINTING A BUNCH OF POLITICAL HACKS, WHY NOT ESTABLISH
15 AN INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT SIMILAR TO WHAT THE DEPARTMENT OF
16 WATER AND POWER HAS DONE WITH ITS RATE PAYERS ADVOCATE.
17 FINALLY, YOU HAVE A BAD PARTNER IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES.
18 THE CITY WILL DIVERT A NUMBER -- A PORTION OF ITS FUNDS, A
19 LARGE PORTION OF ITS FUNDS TO THE GENERAL FUND TO PAY FOR SUCH
20 GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES SUCH AS STREET CLEANING AND VARIOUS
21 OTHER THINGS. FINALLY, PARCEL HOLDERS IN THE CITY OF LOS
22 ANGELES WILL NOT SUPPORT THIS UNTIL THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
23 REFORMS ITS BUDGET, PENSION AND WORKPLACE RULES. IT'S REAL
24 SIMPLE. NO REFORM, NO REVENUES. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. BILL
2 LORENZEN. NAJMA AKHTAR CHAUDHRY. FRANK HILEMAN. GEORGE SACK,
3 JR. JOSE MORENO. DAVID EVANS. AND ABAUH CHAUDHRY. IN THAT
4 ORDER, PLEASE. MA'AM.

5

6 **ELIZABETH MARTYN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ELIZABETH MARTYN.
7 WE REPRESENT UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD. UNION PACIFIC IS OPPOSED
8 TO THE PROPOSED FEE. IT HAS FILED A PROTEST FOR ITS OVER 1700
9 PROPERTIES. I WANT TO CONFIRM THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED THE
10 PROTEST PACKET WHICH WE SUBMITTED, WHICH INCLUDES A LEGAL
11 RESPONSE LETTER TO COUNTY COUNSEL'S JANUARY 7, 2013 OPINION.
12 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT
15 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** CHAIRMAN, SUPERVISORS, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. MY
18 NAME IS _____ AND I AM A RESIDENT AT THE CITY OF LONG
19 BEACH. I FIRST WANT TO JUST OPPOSE THE TITLE OF THE FEE. THE
20 CLEAN WATER CLEAN BEACHES FEE UNFORTUNATELY GIVES THE
21 IMPLICATION THAT THAT'S WHAT THE REAL ISSUE IS AND AS WE'VE
22 HEARD TODAY, THE REAL ISSUE IS STORM WATER HANDLING. AND THAT
23 SAID, THE QUESTION IS: ARE THE EXISTING PROGRAMS FAILING?
24 THERE ARE STATE PROGRAMS, LOCAL PROGRAMS. AND AS WE'VE HEARD
25 FROM THE TESTIMONY OF A YOUNG MAN FROM HIGH SCHOOL HERE THOSE



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1 PROGRAMS ARE INDEED WORKING. THEY MAY NOT WORK AS FAST AS WE
2 LIKE, BUT I DON'T THINK ANYBODY WOULD ARGUE THAT OUR BEACHES
3 ARE DIRTIER TODAY THAN THEY WERE FIVE YEARS AGO OR 10 YEARS
4 AGO. SO I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE PROBLEM. MAYBE IT'S THE
5 INITIAL HOW FAST WE'RE GETTING THERE. SO THE QUESTION TO ME IS
6 WHY, THEN, IF THE EXISTING PROGRAMS ARE WORKING, ARE WE
7 PROPOSING TO ESTABLISH AN ENTIRELY NEW FRAMEWORK THAT'S
8 PARALLEL TO WHAT'S ALREADY WORKING? SO I OPPOSE THIS FEE.
9 THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,
12 SIR. GLORIA VILLADOLID. DAVID HALL. JOANNE YVANEK-GARB. MARIO
13 CARRASCO. GEORGE EDWARDZ. LADONNA DICAMILLO. MICHAEL VENSKY.
14 LARRY APPLEBAUM. ALAN BAIR. JOHN WALSH. IN THAT ORDER, PLEASE.
15 GENTLEMEN.

16

17 **JOSE MORENO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JOSE MORENO. I'M A
18 RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF BELL, THE POSTER CITY OF CORRUPTION IF
19 ANYBODY OR SOMEBODY REMEMBERS. SUPERVISOR MOLINA REMEMBERS. WE
20 HAD A C.A.O. THAT WAS MAKING A MILLION AND A HALF DOLLARS A
21 YEAR IN SALARY, PLUS ONLY 25 WEEKS OF VACATION EVERY YEAR. SO
22 THIS IS MY POINT. I'M TOTALLY AGAINST THIS TAX. AND I'M ALSO
23 GOING TO REPEAT WHAT, I'M GOING TO BE REDUNDANT. THIS IS NOT
24 THE WAY TO LET PROPERTY OWNERS KNOW THAT THIS IS A -- YOU
25 KNOW, IT'S NOT RIGHT. IT'S NOT RIGHT. SO I DO BELIEVE THAT WE



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1 ARE NOT ONLY RESPONSIBLE, THE PROPERTY OWNERS, TO PAY THIS
2 BECAUSE IT'S MILLIONS THAT ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT. IT SHOULD
3 BE DONE DIFFERENTLY. AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
6 SIR?

7

8 **FRANK HILEMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE
9 BOARD. MY NAME IS FRANK HILEMAN. I'M A GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS
10 REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE L.K.Q. CORPORATION. L.K.Q. IS THE
11 NATION'S LARGEST PROVIDER OF AFTERMARKET AND RECYCLED AUTO
12 PARTS. HERE IN CALIFORNIA WE HAVE 50 FACILITIES, ABOUT 1700
13 EMPLOYEES. WE PAY ABOUT \$50 MILLION IN TAXES. WE ARE VERY
14 OPPOSED TO THIS PROPOSED MEASURE. WE HAVE FILED WRITTEN
15 COMMENTS WHICH ARE BASICALLY CONSISTENT WITH WHAT BIZFED HAS
16 FILED. I DO WANT TO MAKE ONE SPECIFIC POINT, THOUGH. IT'S BEEN
17 MENTIONED ABOUT THOSE OF US THAT ARE ALREADY IN COMPLIANCE. MY
18 COMPANY JUST RECENTLY COMPLETED A \$400,000 BIO-FIELD IN ONE OF
19 OUR SITES IN THIS DISTRICT. AND WE JUST GOT OUR BILL, WHICH
20 WILL BE \$32,000 ON TOP OF THAT COST WHICH IS NOW DEALING WITH
21 THAT WASTE WATER OR STORM WATER SURGE ON THAT PROPERTY. THAT
22 ISSUE HAS GOT TO BE DEALT WITH. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT
23 WHEN THE STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS TOOK PLACE, THERE WAS DISCUSSION
24 WITH THE D.P.W. ABOUT THE ORDINANCE BEING PREPARED SO WE ALL
25 KNOW SPECIFICALLY WHAT THIS IS GOING TO PROVIDE AND WHAT THE



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1 DETAILS WILL BE. THAT'S IMPORTANT. THIS CAN'T BE VOTED ON
2 WITHOUT KNOWING WHAT THOSE DETAILS ARE.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
5 SIR?

6

7 **DAVID EVANS:** YES, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DAVID EVANS. I'M
8 WITH THE WESTERN MANUFACTURED HOUSING COMMUNITIES ASSOCIATION.
9 THAT'S A STATEWIDE TRADE ASSOCIATION OF MOBILE HOME PARK
10 OWNERS. AND THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 540 MOBILE HOME PARKS IN
11 LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THEY'RE THE COUNTY'S MOST AFFORDABLE
12 HOUSING. WE'RE ALSO PART OF THE BIZFED COALITION AND ARE
13 STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THIS MEASURE AS IT IS WRITTEN. WE HAVE A
14 COUPLE SPECIFIC CONCERNS ABOUT THE CURRENT PROPOSED MEASURE AS
15 THEY RELATE TO OUR INDUSTRY. ONE, WE BELIEVE THAT THE FORMULA
16 TO DETERMINE WHAT EACH PROPERTY PAYS IS FLAWED WITH RESPECT TO
17 MOBILE HOME PARKS. AND WE WOULD END UP PAYING A
18 DISPROPORTIONAL SHARE BASED ON DENSITY ISSUES. THE SECOND ONE
19 HAS BEEN MENTIONED. BUT ANY MOBILE HOME PARKS THAT ARE UNDER
20 RENT CONTROL WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PASS THESE COSTS ALONG. THE
21 PARK OWNERS WILL HAVE TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO ABSORB IT. I
22 SPOKE WITH A PARK OWNER YESTERDAY WHO HAS TWO PARKS IN THE
23 COUNTY. ONE PARK, THE FEE WILL BE \$20,000. THE OTHER ONE WILL
24 BE \$36,000.

25



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,
2 SIR. WE APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH. WE'LL MOVE TO THE NEXT
3 SPEAKER NOW.

4

5 **LADONNA DICAMILLO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIRMAN RIDLEY-THOMAS AND
6 COUNTY SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS LADONNA DICAMILLO AND I
7 REPRESENT B.N.S.F. RAILWAY COMPANY. ON BEHALF OF B.N.S.F.
8 RAILWAY COMPANY, ITS SUBSIDIARIES AND PREDECESSORS AND
9 INTERESTS I REQUEST THAT YOU REJECT THIS PROPOSAL. BECAUSE OF
10 THE NATURE OF OUR BUSINESS, MANY OF OUR PARCELS HAVE NO
11 ADDRESSES AND WE HAVE HAD DIFFICULTY LOCATING A LOT OF THESE
12 PARCEL NUMBERS. WE CONTACTED THE COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE.
13 HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THAT THE LIST THAT WAS PROVIDED WAS
14 INADEQUATE. A SEARCH OF THE NAME SANTA FE WAS UNPRODUCTIVE, AS
15 THERE ARE TOO MANY BUSINESSES WITH THAT NAME WHO IS ONE OF OUR
16 PRIMARY PREDECESSORS. SO NEEDLESS TO SAY, WE ARE FRUSTRATED
17 WITH THE PROCESS. NONETHELESS WE SUBMITTED A PROTEST FOR THE
18 PARCELS THAT WE WERE ABLE TO IDENTIFY. B.N.S.F. EMPLOYS
19 EXTENSIVE HOUSEKEEPING AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE
20 PRACTICES TO REDUCE OUR STORM WATER RUNOFF. AND THERE IS NO
21 EXEMPTION FOR THESE OR RECOGNITION OF THESE BEST MANAGEMENT
22 PRACTICES. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT THE FEE METHODOLOGY DOES NOT
23 OFFER ANY MANAGER -- MANNER FOR WHICH TO -- THANK YOU FOR YOUR
24 TIME.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR
2 TESTIMONY.

3

4 **ROXANNE TRIMPER:** THANK YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
5 ROXANNE TRIMPER FROM TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA. AND I STAND WITH
6 THOSE WHO WANT CLEAN WATER, BUT I OPPOSE THE DECEPTIVE MAILER
7 DUE TO THE FACT THAT IT WAS NOT A NEW PROPOSITION. L.A. COUNTY
8 ALREADY OVERWHELMINGLY VOTED FOR PROPOSITION O IN 2004, WHICH
9 WAS SUPPOSED TO TAKE CARE OF THOSE PROBLEMS. IF YOU GO ON THE
10 WEBSITE, YOU CAN SEE THAT MUCH OF THE LANGUAGE IN PROPOSITION
11 4 IS VERY SIMILAR TO WHAT WE HAVE IN THIS CURRENT PROPOSITION.
12 I WANT IT NOTED THAT ALL PROPOSITIONS FOR TAX INCREASES ARE
13 ALWAYS ISSUES THAT ARE DEAR TO OUR HEART, OUR CHILDREN,
14 EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, ENVIRONMENT, WELFARE. THERE HAS NEVER,
15 EVER BEEN A TAX PROPOSAL FOR GOVERNMENT SQUANDERING, MISUSE OF
16 FUNDS, OVERSPENDING, OBSCURE SALARIES, PENSIONS OR A PROPOSAL
17 FOR A SLUSH FUND. THEREFORE, BEFORE ANOTHER TAX PROPOSAL IS
18 DONE, THERE NEEDS TO BE A PROPOSAL FOR AN IN-DEPTH AUDIT AND
19 REFORM OF HOW ALL TAX MONEY IS SPENT. PLEASE PROTECT THE
20 PEOPLE YOU SERVE AND I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU OPPOSE.
21 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,
24 MA'AM.

25



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1 **LARRY APPLEBAUM:** GOOD EVENING, SEEMS LIKE EVENING FOR ME. GOOD
2 EVENING, SUPERVISORS AND CHAIRMAN. MY NAME IS LARRY APPLEBAUM.
3 I'M PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BURBANK UNIFIED
4 SCHOOL DISTRICT. I'M HERE TODAY TO COME TO TELL YOU THAT WE
5 HAVE FORMALLY TAKEN A POSITION TO OPPOSE THIS, WHICH HAS BEEN
6 FORWARDED ON. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO ELUCIDATE A COUPLE OF
7 POINTS. ONE IS: THIS IS, IN MY OPINION, AN UNPRECEDENTED
8 ATTEMPT TO TRY AND PUT PARCEL TAXES OR SOME SORT OF FEE ON
9 SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTIES WHICH HAS NEVER OCCURRED BEFORE IN
10 THIS COUNTY, TO MY KNOWLEDGE. THAT IS A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT TO
11 TRY TO BEGIN TO DO. ALSO, I THINK THAT THERE IS A REAL NEED TO
12 PUT LANGUAGE IN TO DIRECT STAFF TO LOOK AT WHAT SCHOOL
13 DISTRICTS HAVE DONE. WE HAVE PUT TOGETHER THREE SITES WITH
14 PERCOLATION PITS, ONE OF 8,600 CUBIC YARDS, ONE OF 9,400 CUBIC
15 YARDS, AND ONE OF 12,000 CUBIC YARDS, TO CARRY OUR STORM WATER
16 RUNOFF, AND WE'RE NOT GIVEN ANY CREDIT AND CONSIDERATION FOR
17 THAT. I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOU OPPOSE THIS. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,
20 SIR. FRANK SCHINDLER, ART MILLER, MILTON GLOFFMAN. LUDD
21 TROZPEK. STEVE HANNA, LINDA MILLER. GARY GLESS. DAN MUELLER.
22 SUSAN MAYHEW. KATIE JAMES. ALFRED AREYAN. RAJ KAHN. DEBRA
23 MURPHY. ALBERTO TREVINO. IN THAT ORDER, PLEASE. SIR? ALL AT
24 ONCE IS FINE. PROCEED. GO AHEAD.

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1 **ALAN BAIR:** CAN WE START OVER? HELLO I'M ALAN BAIR. I'M A
2 LANDLORD. I LOVE THAT L.A. COUNTY IS FINALLY ADDRESSING THIS
3 IMPORTANT ISSUE ON A COUNTYWIDE LEVEL. BUT YOUR METHOD IS
4 WRONG. YOU'RE ADDRESSING THE SYMPTOMS AND NOT THE CAUSES.
5 YOU'RE TAXING LAND AND NOT THE SOURCES OF POLLUTION. BY THE
6 WAY, THE PROBLEM ISN'T THE STORM WATER BUT PERHAPS CONCRETE
7 CHANNELS, AND IT'S POLLUTION AND LITTER. SO THIS CAUSES
8 DISTORTIONS THE WAY YOU'RE DOING IT. YOU'RE PUTTING UPWARD
9 PRESSURE ON RENT. THAT MEANS THE TENANTS THINK US LANDLORDS
10 ARE MEAN. AND THEN YOU GET PRESSURE ON US FOR RENT CONTROL.
11 THIS IS DISTORTIONS WE DON'T NEED. YOU GET BETTER RESULTS IF
12 YOU USE MARKET-ORIENTED SOLUTIONS AND PUTTING PRICES THAT
13 REFLECT COSTS. SO LET'S HAVE FEES ON THE SOURCES YOU LIST LIKE
14 PLASTICS, FERTILIZERS, CIGARETTE BUTTS AND INDUSTRIAL
15 CHEMICALS. PASADENA PUTS 10-CENT FEE ON PLASTIC BAGS, FOR
16 EXAMPLE. THIS STOPS THE LAND OWNER SUBSIDY OF POLLUTERS'
17 PROFITS. WE GET SIDE BENEFITS BECAUSE IF FERTILIZERS COST
18 MORE, PEOPLE MIGHT CONVERT TO NATIVE LANDSCAPING, THEY MIGHT
19 USE THEREFORE LESS WATER AND THAT'S AN EXTRA BENEFIT.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SIR. YOUR TIME HAS
22 EXPIRED.

23

24 **ALAN BAIR:** OKAY. SO LET'S RESTRUCTURE THIS TO USE MARKET
25 INCENTIVES AND WORK TOGETHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AS IT SAYS UP



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1 HERE. FREE ENTERPRISE. CHERISH, HELP, PRESERVE. LET'S WORK
2 TOGETHER.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU, SIR. THE
5 FLOOR IS YOURS.

6

7 **MICHAEL VENSKY:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS MIKE VENSKY. I LIVE
8 IN ACTON. I'M A PROPERTY OWNER. I ALSO HAVE SOME PROPERTY DOWN
9 IN BURBANK. I SWIM. I DIVE. I HIKE. I BIRD. I BOAT AND KAYAK
10 ALONG THE WATERWAYS, AND I APPLAUD YOU ALL FOR DOING THIS AND
11 I APPRECIATE THE URGENCY YOU HAVE PRESSED ON YOU BY THE
12 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE STATE AGENCIES TO COMPLETE
13 SOMETHING FOR CLEAN WATER. HOWEVER, I'M OPPOSE TO THIS
14 PARTICULAR INITIATIVE UNDER THREE ISSUES. ONE IS CONSISTENCY,
15 ONE IS FAIRNESS AND ONE IS OF COURSE THE LACK OF DETAILS.
16 REGARDING FAIRNESS, I HAVE SOME PROPERTY IN BURBANK. THREE
17 APARTMENTS. HIGHLY DEVELOPED LAND. YOU'RE CHARGING ME \$80. IN
18 ACTON WHERE I LIVE I HAVE 2-1/2 ACRES, IT'S UNDEVELOPED AT THE
19 END OF A DIRT ROAD. TAP INTO A WATER SEPTIC SYSTEM. WE
20 LITERALLY DRINK WHAT WE PUT ON THE LAND. AND WE'RE BEING
21 CHARGED \$1200. IN ADDITION, YOU DON'T HAVE ANY DETAILS ON THIS
22 THING. I THINK YOU GUYS COULD POSSIBLY, OR LADIES AND
23 GENTLEMEN, PARDON ME, COULD POSSIBLY FLESH OUT THE DETAILS AND
24 GIVE US MORE INFORMATION AS TO WHAT YOU SPECIFICALLY WANT TO
25 DO WITH THIS. AND LASTLY THERE'S A LITTLE BIT OF ISSUE ABOUT



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1 CONSISTENCY. YOUR INSPECTORS ARE ALLOWING PEOPLE TO SPREAD
2 MANURE IN WATERWAYS, AND THAT DOESN'T SEEM FAIR.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
5 TESTIMONY, SIR.

6

7 **MICHAEL VENSKY:** THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** INDEED. SIR?

10

11 **GEORGE EDWARDS:** GREETINGS FROM THE GREAT CITY OF LA HABRA
12 HEIGHTS. MY NAME IS GEORGE EDWARDS. WE RECENTLY DEFEATED A
13 ROAD TAX ASSESSMENT. WE ARE GOING AFTER OTHER ASSESSMENTS. THE
14 CITY OF SIERRA MADRE TURNED DOWN THEIR UTILITY TAX. ROWLAND
15 HILLS DID, AS WELL. THE COUNTY RESIDENTS, PROPERTY OWNERS DO
16 NOT NEED ANY MORE TAXES. WE ALREADY PAY. IN MY COMMUNITY WE
17 PAY OUR PROPERTY TAX AND RECEIVE LESS THAN 10 CENTS ON THE
18 DOLLAR. WE HAVE TO PROVIDE FOR OUR OWN FIRE SERVICE. WE HAVE A
19 VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AS A RESULT. UNFORTUNATELY THE ONLY
20 THING GREEN ABOUT THIS PROPOSED TAX IS HOW MUCH YOU WANT FROM
21 OUR WALLETS. HOW MUCH MONEY WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO PAY FOR AN
22 UNFUNDED MANDATE. I ASK YOU TO PLEASE CONSIDER THE FACT THAT
23 WE ALREADY PAID PROPERTY TAX. USE THAT MONEY. BALANCE YOUR
24 BUDGET. GIVE THE PROPERTY OWNERS A BREAK. THANK YOU.

25



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SIR?

2

3 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH, BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.

4 I'M THE PRESIDENT OF AN ORGANIZATION CALLED ENVIRONMENTAL

5 ACTIVISTS, UNION MEMBERS, AND RENTERS AGAINST THE WATER TAX.

6 AND I BELONG TO ALL THREE GROUPS. LOOK, GLOBAL WARMING. THAT'S

7 WHAT WE'RE FACING. I BELIEVE IN IT. WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? MORE

8 AND MORE DROUGHTS. WHAT DOES MORE AND MORE DROUGHTS MEAN? LESS

9 AND LESS STORMS. WHAT DOES LESS AND LESS STORMS MEAN? LESS

10 STORM WATER. THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ANYTHING OTHER THAN

11 CREATING A GIGANTIC BUREAUCRACY. DON KNABE AND HIS SON, WHO IS

12 A LOBBYIST, ALL OF A SUDDEN HE HAS TURNED GREEN. AND IF YOU

13 DIDN'T GET YOUR BROCHURE IN THE MAIL, ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IF

14 YOU WANT ANOTHER ONE, FIND ONE AND FOLD IT IN FOUR WAYS AND

15 THEN STICK IT WHERE IT BELONGS. HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. COME

16 TO OUR WEBSITE.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY,

19 SIR. MA'AM, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

20

21 **JOANNE YVANEK-GARB:** I'M JOANNE YVANEK-GARB, AND I LIVE IN WEST

22 HILLS. WEST HILLS IS THE HOME TO BELL CREEK, WHICH IS REALLY

23 THE HEAD WATER OF THE L.A. RIVER. I AM APPALLED BUT NOT REALLY

24 SURPRISED THAT THE GENTLEMAN BEFORE SAID THAT THEY FOUND

25 BLEACH BOTTLES, AMMONIA BOTTLES. AND I KNOW THAT THERE WERE



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1 DIRTY DIAPERS IN THE CATCH BASINS AND WHAT NOT. THIS IS A
2 TRAVESTY. THIS IS WHERE YOU CAN DO THE MOST GOOD IN PROVIDING
3 EDUCATION. EDUCATION, EDUCATION, EDUCATION. IT IS THE
4 IMPORTANT THING OF TEACHING PEOPLE WHAT TO THROW AWAY, WHAT
5 NOT TO THROW AWAY. I DON'T KNOW IF ANY OF YOU GUYS REMEMBER,
6 IF YOU'RE OLD ENOUGH TO REMEMBER THE ANTI-LITTERING CAMPAIGN
7 IN THE '50S, TOSS IT IN. THAT WAS VERY BIG. WE CLEANED UP OUR
8 HIGHWAYS. WE CLEANED UP OUR STREETS BY PEOPLE LEARNING THAT
9 THEY SHOULDN'T JUST TOSS THINGS OUT OF THEIR CAR WINDOWS. ON
10 MY LITTLE STREET.

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM?

13
14 **JOANNE YVANEK-GARB:** PEOPLE DON'T TOSS AND BLOW.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

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18 **JOANNE YVANEK-GARB:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED AND WE
21 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

22
23 **JOANNE YVANEK-GARB:** THANK YOU.

24
25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** INDEED. SIR?



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ART MILLER: GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ART MILLER. I'M A
RESIDENT OF CANYON COUNTRY. FIRST OF ALL, I OPPOSE THIS FEE
THAT'S TRYING TO GET THROUGH HERE, AS DO SOME OF MY NEIGHBORS.
I DO WANT TO MAKE A COMMENT ON SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S COMMENT
THAT THERE WAS A LACK OF INFORMATION. IT WASN'T SO MUCH THAT
THERE WAS A LACK OF INFORMATION, IT WAS SO OVERWHELMING THE
INFORMATION THAT TOOK SO LONG TO COMPILE IN THAT BOOKLET. AND
WE GOT THAT BOOKLET AVAILABLE TO US VIA THE INTERNET AT A VERY
LATE DATE. SO WHAT TOOK SEVERAL MONTHS TO ORCHESTRATE HAS BEEN
ASKED MUCH US AS TAXPAYERS TO ABSORB AND MAKE A DECISION ON
IT. THE OTHER THING IS, I LIKE CLEAN BEACHES. AND I'M OUT FOR
THE WELFARE OF OUR CHILDREN. BUT WHEN I SAW MY TAX BILL, I WAS
A LITTLE BIT APPALLED UNTIL I SAW MY NEIGHBOR'S TAX BILL. HE
PAYS \$24,000 A YEAR IN TAXES. OF THAT, 35 PERCENT GOES TO
FLOOD CONTROL ALREADY. HIS BILL ON THIS FEE WAS GOING TO BE
\$28,000. THAT'S APPALLING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

18

SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ALL RIGHT.
NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. [APPLAUSE.]

21

GARY GLESS: HELLO, MARK. CHAIR, CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW
POSITION. I'M GARY GLESS, PRESIDENT OF THE CITIZENS COALITION
FOR A SAFE COMMUNITY. THIS ACTUALLY HITS HOME IN YOUR DISTRICT
HERE, THE SECOND DISTRICT, BECAUSE WE HAVE P.X.P. THEY HAVE



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1 BEEN KNOWN TO -- THEY HAVE LEAKS, SPILLS, CONTAMINATED,
2 ACTUALLY THEY HAVE -- RIGHT NOW, THEY ARE ON NOTICE OF
3 VIOLATION, NOTICE FROM CONTAMINATING SOIL AND SPREADING IT
4 AROUND THE FIELD. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I'M REALLY SURPRISED
5 OF, I MEAN, FAIR IS FAIR ON WHO GETS TO PAY. BUT THEY ACTUALLY
6 HAVE FROM THE WATER BOARD, THEY WANT APPROVAL TO DUMP 7-1/2 --
7 OVER 7-1/2 MILLION GALLONS OF CONTAMINATED RAIN WATER INTO
8 BALLONA CREEK AND ESTUARY. I THINK FOR THEM TO BE ALLOWED TO
9 DO THIS, I THINK THEY SHOULD BE FINED FOR DOING THIS, NOT
10 SAYING IT'S OKAY. FOR MYSELF, I RECLAIM MY RAIN WATER. I WATER
11 MY YARD FOR IT. I'M GOING TO BE CHARGED NEARLY \$200 FOR THIS
12 FOR WHERE I LIVE AND YET THEY'RE GOING GET A GREEN LIGHT. PLUS
13 THEY GET A CUT RATE ON THEIR WATER SO THAT THEY'RE GOING TO
14 SPEND MILLIONS OF GALLONS IN CONTAMINATED WATER IN THEIR
15 FRACKING PROCESS.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
18 TESTIMONY. ALL RIGHT. LET'S PROCEED WITH THE NEXT SPEAKER.
19 SIR?

20

21 **ALBERTO TREVINO:** ALL RIGHT. YES, GOOD DAY, ALBERTO TREVINO.
22 I'M BORN AND RAISED HERE IN LOS ANGELES. PROPERTY OWNER.
23 BUSINESS OWNER. AND I JUST WANTED TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION,
24 TO THE LADIES AND GENTLEMEN HERE THAT THIS ISSUE IS A PROBLEM
25 THAT'S RELATED TO CONSUMPTION. AND BY TAXING PROPERTY, WHICH



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1 IS A FIXED MATTER, IT'S NOT GOING TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT FOR A
2 GROWING POPULATION. SO IF IT'S A CONSUMPTION PROBLEM, THEN WE
3 NEED TO TAX IT, A SALES TAX, SOME CONSUMPTION THAT CAN KEEP
4 PACE WITH THE GROWTH OF POPULATION. AND THAT'S ONLY IF WE
5 ASSUME THAT RAIN WATER IS A POLLUTANT. IN A RECENT CASE IN
6 VIRGINIA, THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION VERSUS THE
7 E.P.A., THE COURT RULED THAT THE RUNOFF WAS NOT A POLLUTANT.
8 SO THAT'S A NULL POINT THERE. BUT I AGREE. WE WANT CLEAN
9 WATER.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SIR. SIR?

12

13 **GEORGE SACK, JR.:** HI, MY NAME IS GEORGE SACK, JR. I RESIDE IN
14 AGUA DULCE, CALIFORNIA. I HAVE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY THERE, I'VE
15 BEEN THERE SINCE 1974. AND I HAVE BEEN ASSESSED WITH
16 APPROXIMATELY 25 TO \$30,000 IN REGARDS TO MY ASSESSMENT, WHICH
17 MAKES IT AN UNEVEN PLAYING FIELD FOR MY BUSINESS BECAUSE WHERE
18 DO I COME UP WITH THE EXTRA MONEY TO PAY FOR THAT? I HAVE TO
19 TURN IT ON TO THE CUSTOMERS AND CONSEQUENTLY I WON'T BE
20 COMPETITIVE ANYMORE. THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY. THANK YOU VERY
21 MUCH. AND I'M OPPOSED TO IT.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
24 ALL RIGHTY. MA'AM?

25



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1 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU FOR PERMITTING ME TO SPEAK.
2 SOME OF THE -- MANY OF THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS HAVE ALREADY
3 STOLEN MY THUNDER, SO I JUST WANT TO SAY I'M A RETIRED PERSON,
4 FIXED INCOME. I'M PROBABLY THE QUEEN OF PENNY PINCHING. AND
5 THIS IS GOING TO MESS ME UP BIG TIME. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH
8 FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

9

10 **LUDD TROZPEK:** MY NAME IS LUDD TROZPEK. I LIVE IN CLAREMONT,
11 CALIFORNIA. I ORIGINALLY HAD COME DOWN HERE INTENDING TO SPEAK
12 AGAINST THIS MEASURE. I WAS GOING TO SAY THAT PEOPLE COULD
13 RECOGNIZE UNFAIRNESS WHEN THEY SEE IT IN THE PROCESS AND IN
14 THE ENGINEER'S REPORT, WHICH I'VE READ THOROUGHLY. HOWEVER
15 AFTER HEARING ALL THE TESTIMONY, I THINK RATHER THAN THAT, I
16 WOULD URGE THE BOARD TO GO FORWARD AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE WITH
17 THIS MEASURE. I BELIEVE THAT IF THAT HAPPENS, UNDER PROP 218,
18 WHICH I'M A FAN OF, THERE WILL BE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE RISING
19 UP TALKING TO THEIR NEIGHBORS, WORKING HARD AGAINST THIS.
20 WE'LL DRIVE A STAKE THROUGH THE HEART OF THIS MEASURE AND WE
21 WILL DEFEAT IT. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE
24 FOLLOWING PEOPLE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. LINDA WOOD.
25 TIM NUCCIO. ROBERTO CAMACHO. GERARDO TORRES. LYNDY KELLY.



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1 DAVID MCINTOSH. DENNIS DAZE. IF I'M CALLING YOUR NAME, PLEASE
2 COME FORWARD. CONTINUE WITH NATALIE SQUIRES. KENNETH BEARD.
3 RICHARD DIRADOURIAN. MARVIN JONES. ARAM KAZAZIAN. THEY ARE
4 BEFORE US. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE COME FORWARD IF YOUR
5 NAME WAS CALLED.

6

7 **ROBERTO CAMACHO:** ROBERTO CAMACHO IS MY NAME. MR. CHAIRMAN, AND
8 EVERYBODY ELSE, MISS MOLINA, HOW ARE YOU, 20 YEARS AGO?
9 (SPANISH) I COULD SPEAK BOTH LANGUAGES. I WANT YOU TO
10 UNDERSTAND --

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** (SPANISH) .

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14 **ROBERTO CAMACHO:** (SPANISH) .

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16 **SUP. MOLINA:** HE JUST WANTS TO SPEAK TO ME. IT'S A SECRET.

17

18 **ROBERTO CAMACHO:** OKAY, YOU BETTER GIVE ME MY TIME BACK.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I DON'T THINK SO. PROCEED, SIR.
21 [LAUGHTER.] RAPIDO, POR FAVOR.

22

23 **ROBERTO CAMACHO:** (SPANISH) I THINK MOST OVER HERE, OVER 90
24 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE ARE AGAINST IT. SO TAKE A COUPLE OF



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1 YEARS, TAKE THIS RECOMMENDATION AND BRING IT BACK FOR GENERAL
2 ELECTION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, MR. CAMACHO. ALL
5 RIGHT. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

6

7 **LINDA WOOD:** THANK YOU. I'M LINDA WOOD HERE REPRESENTING UNION
8 RESCUE MISSION WITH LOCATIONS IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES AS WELL
9 AS THE UNINCORPORATED FOOTHILLS OF SYLMAR, WHERE OUR HOPE
10 GARDENS FAMILY CENTER IS LOCATED. THE HOPE GARDENS PROPERTY IS
11 71 ACRES. IT'S JUST OVER 3 MILLION SQUARE FEET, OF WHICH ONLY
12 88,000 SQUARE FEET HAS IMPROVEMENTS. THIS IS LESS THAN 3
13 PERCENT DEVELOPED, RESULTING IN VERY LITTLE RUNOFF AS THE
14 MAJORITY OF THE RAIN WATER IS ABSORBED INTO THE VACANT GROUND.
15 TWO OF OUR PARCELS AT HOPE GARDENS ARE CALCULATED TO INCUR
16 OVER \$36,000 IN CLEAN WATER FEES. AND BETWEEN THESE TWO
17 PARCELS, ONE IMPERVIOUS PERCENTAGE IS 58 PERCENT WHILE THE
18 OTHER IS 70 PERCENT. AND YET THE ENTIRE PROPERTY IS IDENTIFIED
19 WITH ONE LAND USE CLASSIFICATION. WE BELIEVE THAT THE
20 METHODOLOGY THAT DETERMINES THE FEE IS FLAWED. WE PAY PROPERTY
21 TAX JUST UNDER \$43,000 A YEAR. THIS CLEAN WATER FEE OF 36,000
22 IS ALMOST 84 PERCENT OF OUR PROPERTY TAXES. WE PREFER TO HAVE
23 OUR DONATIONS, YOUR DONATIONS GO TO HELP PEOPLE EXPERIENCING
24 HOMELESSNESS. WE PROTEST THIS FEE. THANK YOU.

25



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
2 TESTIMONY. [APPLAUSE.] ALL RIGHT. DAN GOTTLIEB. REIN KUHR. TIM
3 RILEY. PETER IRELAND. FRANCINE RIPPY. ROXANNE TRIMPER. DOROTHY
4 GLOVER. DAVID MARKS. RICHARD MARSHALL. RICHARD BELL. ROBIN
5 MITCHELL. ERIC RIEL. ROY GOSEN. GEORGE EDWARDZ. JAMES FLYNN.
6 IN THAT ORDER YOU MAY PROCEED. FIRST PERSON UP, SIR?

7

8 **DENNIS DAZE:** CHAIRMAN THOMAS. HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME
9 IS DENNIS DAZE. I'M WITH MAJESTIC REALTY COMPANY. I SPEAK FOR
10 MAJESTIC REALTY COMPANY AND I SPEAK ALSO AS A FIFTH GENERATION
11 LOS ANGELIAN. FIRST, WE ARE IN OPPOSITION OF THE UNFAIR FEE
12 THAT'S ABOUT TO BE PROPOSED UPON US AND EVERY OTHER CITIZEN
13 HERE IN L.A. COUNTY. OUR BOTTOM LINE IS THAT IT IS NOT ABOUT
14 CLEAN WATER. IT IS NOT ABOUT OUR CLEAN BEACHES. IT IS ABOUT A
15 FAIR TAX. IT IS ABOUT PROPER REPRESENTATION FOR A TAX THAT'S
16 ABOUT TO BE IMPOSED. EVERYTHING THAT IS ABOUT TO BE SAID, IT
17 HAS BEEN SAID. AND SO I'LL KEEP IT SHORT. I'LL SAY FIRST WE
18 ARE IN ALIGNMENT WITH BIZFED. UNFORTUNATELY I WISH MRS. MOLINA
19 WAS HERE TO HEAR THIS BECAUSE THE JOB LOSS IN OUR PORTFOLIO,
20 BEING THE LARGEST LAND OWNER IN CALIFORNIA, PRIVATELY HELD
21 LAND OWNER IN CALIFORNIA, HAS BEEN DRAMATIC. I WILL READ A FEW
22 NAMES OFF. IN THE PAST 10 YEARS, WE'VE LOST LITTLE TYKES,
23 DELTA PAINT, STEEL CASE, CONTINENTAL CAN, CROWN CORK AND SEAL,
24 TREASURE CHEST ADVERTISING, NATIONAL ENVELOPE, CONTIKO, KATY
25 INDUSTRIES, JACUZZI. CALGON, LAZY BOY, _____ AND A



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1 NUMBER OF OTHERS. THE BOTTOM LINE IS PLEASE RETHINK THIS.
2 WE'RE NOT AGAINST THE CLEAN WATER. REDO THIS. RE-PRESENT IT.
3 WE APPRECIATE YOUR TIME.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
6 TESTIMONY. MA'AM?

7

8 **NATALIE SQUIRES:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS NATALIE SQUIRES
9 FROM WILLIAMS RECYCLING IN LOS ANGELES. AND AS A STORM WATER
10 PERMIT HOLDER, WE ALREADY PAY PERMIT FEES AND HAVE SPENT OVER
11 \$250,000 ON A WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM TO MEET THE STORM WATER
12 BENCHMARKS. IN THIS ECONOMY, WE CANNOT AFFORD TO INCUR ANY
13 OTHER TAXES AND FEES. THERE WAS A REPORT THIS MORNING ON FOX
14 NEWS STATING THAT 1 MILLION PEOPLE LEFT THE STATE OF
15 CALIFORNIA LAST YEAR AND MOVED TO TEXAS. THE REPORT SAID THAT
16 MANY OF THESE PEOPLE WERE THE JOB CREATORS AND ENTREPRENEURS.
17 LIKE MANY OTHER BUSINESSES, WE WILL BE FORCED TO LEAVE THE
18 STATE IF THE COUNTY CONTINUES TO PILEUP THESE TAXES ON
19 RESPONSIBLE AND LAND BUSINESS OWNERS. WHEN MY FAMILY STARTED
20 THIS BUSINESS OVER 40 YEARS AGO THERE WAS A BUSINESS LICENSE
21 FEE AND A PROPERTY TAX. I COULD GIVE YOU A LIST OF ABOUT 20 TO
22 30 FEES THAT WE PAY NOW. A LOT OF OWNERS IN THE COUNTY DIDN'T
23 KNOW OF THIS PROPOSED TAX. THERE IS ONE MAN IN PARTICULAR THAT
24 OWNS 17 PARCELS AND ABSOLUTELY WILL NOT SURVIVE WITH THIS TAX.



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1 LANDOWNERS WHO ALREADY HAVE THE STORM PERMIT AND PAY THE
2 ANNUAL FEE SHOULD BE EXEMPT FROM THIS PROPOSED TAX.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
5 TESTIMONY. ALL RIGHT. WE'RE ABOUT FOUR HOURS IN AT THIS POINT.
6 ALL THOSE WHO ARE READY FOR MORE, PLEASE STAND TO YOUR FEET
7 AND GIVE INDICATION OF THAT IF YOU WANT TO CONTINUE.
8 (YELLING).

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SIR, YOU'RE OUT OF ORDER. THOSE
11 WHO HAVE THE STAMINA TO PROCEED FOR THE NEXT PERIOD OF TIME,
12 PLEASE STAND TO YOUR FEET. THANK YOU SO MUCH. YOU ARE OUT OF
13 ORDER. PLEASE BE SEATED. THANK YOU NOW. LET'S GO FOR THE NEXT
14 SPEAKER.

15

16 **RICHARD DIRADOURIAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS RICHARD
17 DIRADOURIAN, AND I HAPPEN TO BE A MEMBER OF THE GLENDALE
18 SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB. AND I'M MENTIONING THAT BECAUSE A NUMBER
19 OF YEARS AGO WE ESTABLISHED A PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE PARENTS WHO
20 MAY ACCIDENTALLY LEAVE THEIR KIDS IN THE CAR. WE CALLED THAT
21 PROGRAM NOT EVEN FOR A MINUTE. IN OTHER WORDS, DON'T LEAVE
22 YOUR CHILD UNATTENDED IN A CAR, WHETHER IT'S COLD OR HOT
23 UNATTENDED. IN MY HUMBLE OPINION, ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. AFTER
24 READING THIS PROPOSAL, I DON'T THINK IT WOULD TAKE ME A MINUTE
25 TO REJECT IT. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

3

4 **ARAM KAZAZIAN:** MY NAME IS ARAM KAZAZIAN, AND I'M FROM
5 GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA. I'M ALSO A PAST MEMBER OF SUNRISE ROTARY
6 CLUB WITH RICHARD DIRADOURIAN. I THINK I WOULD LIKE FIRST
7 THING TO THANK DON KNABE AND SUPERVISOR MIKE ANTONOVICH FOR
8 THEIR EFFORTS TO DO A GOOD RESOLUTION FOR THIS. I THANK THEM
9 VERY MUCH FOR IT. I THINK PUBLIC WORKS AND FLOOD CONTROL HAS
10 FAILED IN THEIR WORKMANSHIP TO DO THE PROPER JOB, WHICH IS A
11 SHAME. THEY SPENT ALL THE MONEY, WASTED IT. AND THEY HAVE NOT
12 TAKEN CARE OF THEIR JOB THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO DO. AS YOU KNOW,
13 ALSO GLENDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE VOTED AGAINST, I'M NOT
14 SPEAKING FOR THEM, VOTED AGAINST AND OPPOSED THE TAX ISSUE
15 OVER HERE. MAYBE YOU SHOULD, YOU KNOW, DO IF YOU'RE ALIVE, YOU
16 SHOULD PAY A TAX. MAYBE WHY DON'T YOU DO THAT, MAYBE IF YOU
17 HAD THE POWERS TO DO SO. EVERYBODY PAYS THEIR OWN TAX THEN YOU
18 DON'T HAVE TO TAX THE PROPERTY OWNERS.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, YOUR TIME SUPERVISOR. NEXT?

21

22 **DAN GOTTLIEB:** I'M DAN GOTTLIEB. PROFESSOR OF MATHEMATICS. I
23 SUPPORT CLEANING POLLUTION IN THE BAY, BUT I OPPOSE POLLUTING
24 THE LEGAL SYSTEM WITH BULLSHIT. PARDON ME FOR THE CRUDENESS.
25 [LAUGHTER.] BUT BULLSHIT IS THE NAME OF THIS BOOK. IT'S A VERY



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1 GOOD BOOK TO READ ON BULLSHIT, THE PROFESSOR WHO WROTE IT SAID
2 THE BULLSHITTER IS A GREATER ENEMY OF THE TRUTH THAN IS THE
3 LIAR. THE LIAR HAS HIS EYE ON THE TRUTH FOR HE WANTS YOU TO
4 BELIEVE AN ALTERNATIVE VISION OF THE TRUTH. THE BULLSHITTER
5 HAS NO REGARD FOR THE TRUTH FOR HE WANTS TO HIDE HIS
6 INTENTIONS. NOW, HINTS OF BULLSHIT IN THE WATER PROJECT ARE:
7 CONTRACTS STIPULATE THIS THIS PLACE, COUNTY EMPLOYEES SHOULD
8 BE HIRED FOR A PROJECT IF THEY ARE QUALIFIED. WHAT ABOUT THE
9 OTHER COUNTY RESIDENTS WHO ARE QUALIFIED? ANOTHER ONE IS
10 MULTI-USE PROJECTS CAN BE BUNDLED WITH WATER PROJECTS. SO,
11 MANY PEOPLE SEEM TO HAVE THEIR EYE ALREADY ON MAKING MONEY.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** YOUR TIME IS UP. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT?

14

15 **REIN KUHR:** MY NAME IS REIN KUHR. I'M A MAJOR PROPERTY OWNER.
16 AND I OPPOSE THIS PROJECT. MY SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM IS WHY
17 DON'T YOU LET THE PRISONERS FROM OUR JAILS COME AND CLEAN UP
18 ALL THE WATERWAYS AND THE BEACHES AND THIS AND THAT. THEY
19 COULD START AT DAYBREAK IN THE MORNING BEFORE IT IS TOO HOT
20 AND HAVE THE JOB DONE BEFORE THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE SHOW
21 UP. IT WOULDN'T COST ANYTHING. ONE MORE THING, THE
22 SUPERVISORS, THE PEOPLE WHO SUPERVISE THEM SHOULD NOT BE
23 COUNTY EMPLOYEES WITH UNIONS AND CIVIL SERVICE PROTECTION.
24 NOBODY CAN GET FIRED NOW NO MATTER HOW INCOMPETENT THEY ARE.
25 AND IF YOU DO THAT, I MIGHT RECONSIDER IT. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. NEXT.

3

4 **TIM RILEY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, AND HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, TIM RILEY,
5 REPRESENTING THE MARINA DEL REY LESSEES ASSOCIATION. WE'RE
6 BELIEVE THAT PROPERTY OWNERS ARE BEING ASKED TO SUPPORT A FEE
7 BEFORE THE BOARD HAS EVEN CONSIDERED THE PROGRAM
8 IMPLEMENTATION MANUAL THAT WOULD ESTABLISH THE SPECIFIC
9 POLICIES, GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT THE FEE.
10 DETAILS ABOUT THE SPECIFIC SERVICES TO BE FUNDED ARE UNKNOWN.
11 THE FEE IS PROPOSED TO BE IMPOSED ON PROPERTY OWNERS WITHOUT
12 REGARD TO EXPENSIVE WATER QUALITY MITIGATIONS ALREADY
13 UNDERTAKEN ON SITE. THE PROGRAM OFFERS NO CREDITS OR REBATES
14 TO PROPERTY OWNERS WHO PAY FOR ONSITE CAPTURE AND TREATMENT OF
15 STORM WATER RUNOFF. PARCELS IN THE UNINCORPORATED MARINA DEL
16 REY ARE UNIQUE AND DESERVE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION. LESSEES IN
17 THE MARINA HAVE PAID MORE THAN THEIR FAIR SHARE FOR
18 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS. ON TOP OF POSSESSORY INTEREST, WE
19 HAVE BEEN BURDENED WITH SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS TO PAY
20 FOR PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE THAT IS THE OBLIGATION OF THE
21 COUNTY. MANY LESSEES HAVE ALSO BEEN REQUIRED, AT THEIR OWN
22 CONSIDERABLE EXPENSE, TO PROVIDE ONSITE INFRASTRUCTURE
23 IMPROVEMENTS AS PART OF REDEVELOPMENT OR RENOVATION. THANK
24 YOU.

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

2

3 **PETER IRELAND:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, PETER
4 IRELAND, REPRESENTING THE NATURE TRUST OF THE SANTA MONICA
5 MOUNTAINS. THE FEE CALCULATION METHOD, WHAT'S BEFORE YOU TODAY
6 IS EXTREMELY FLAWED AND HERE'S EXACTLY WHY. WE OPERATE A 100-
7 ACRE NONPROFIT NATURE PRESERVE AND MUSEUM DIRECTLY ACROSS THE
8 STREET FROM NICHOLAS CANYON COUNTY BEACH. WE ARE THE ONLY
9 PRIVATE LAND OWNER WHO 11 YEARS AGO AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE
10 VOLUNTARILY PREPARED A WATERSHED RESTORATION PLAN. THE END
11 RESULT IS: NICHOLAS CANYON BEACH CONSISTENTLY HAS AMONG THE
12 BEST WATER QUALITY OF ANY BEACH IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE
13 CURRENTLY PAY \$3,500 A YEAR TO THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT.
14 THIS PROPOSAL WILL ADD \$46,000 A YEAR ON TOP OF WHAT WE ARE
15 CURRENTLY PAYING. AND, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, AS A NONPROFIT
16 ORGANIZATION, THAT MEANS ONE THING: WE GO OUT OF BUSINESS AND
17 WE SELL THE LAND THAT WE WERE CREATED TO PROTECT. I DON'T
18 THINK THAT'S IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
21 TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. AND MAY I CALL THE FOLLOWING
22 PERSONS, JAMES SIMONELLI. JOHN GERFEN. JIM RICHART. CHUCK
23 TAYLOR. CHRIS SANCHEZ. WILLIE JACKSON. FOREST BAZOV. JEFFREY
24 BEAUMONT. ERIC YONEMURA. ANDREW BALES. LAUREN LEWOW. MICHELLE



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1 ZACK. DAVID CLARK, IN THAT ORDER. PLEASE COME FORWARD. SIR?

2 THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

3

4 **ERIC RIEL:** GOOD DAY, HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD AND CHAIR.

5 AND I'LL DO MY BEST NOT TO COME UP WITH THE BETTER LINE OF THE

6 DAY. MY NAME'S ERIC RIEL. I'M A PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYER,

7 VETERAN AND PROPERTY OWNER IN AGUA DULCE. I'VE GONE THROUGH SO

8 MANY ITERATIONS OF MY TESTIMONY TODAY, AFTER LISTENING I THINK

9 I JUST ECHO THE SENTIMENTS OF EVERYONE OUT IN THE RURAL AREAS

10 THAT THIS DOCUMENT AND THIS PROGRAM, THIS MEASURE NEEDS A

11 COMPREHENSIVE REBUILD AND RECONSIDERATION. ONE OF THE THINGS

12 THAT I THINK YOU NEED TO DO IS EMPOWER PEOPLE TO BE ENABLED TO

13 PROVIDE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT YOU'RE ASKING. AN EXAMPLE IS

14 IN THE AREA WHERE I LIVE, WHEN WE BOUGHT OUR PROPERTY, WE WERE

15 ALLOWED TO TRUCK IN WATER. NOW WE'RE REQUIRED TO DRILL A WELL,

16 WHICH TAPS THE AQUIFERS, WHICH THEN CREATES A GREATER PROBLEM

17 FOR THE GOOD. SO YOU SHOULD REINSTATE THAT. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SIR?

20

21 **DAVID MARKS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. CHAIRMAN, MY NAME IS DAVID

22 MARKS. I OPPOSE THIS FEE. I LIVE AND OWN A HOME ON SOUTH

23 MARVIN AVENUE, WHICH IS OFF VENICE BOULEVARD BETWEEN FAIRFAX

24 AND HOUSER. THAT'S C.D.10. OUR STREET DEAD ENDS INTO BALLONA

25 CREEK. MY NEIGHBORHOOD IS OF MIXED ETHNICITY AND CULTURES.



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1 THIS NOTICE WAS SENT OUT IN ENGLISH ONLY. IN A CITY WITH A
2 HIGH POPULATION OF SPANISH SPEAKING AND READING PEOPLE, THIS
3 GROUP OF HOMEOWNERS WAS IGNORED BY NOT RECEIVING A TRANSLATED
4 NOTICE. OUR STREETS DO NOT GET REGULAR STREET SWEEPING EVEN
5 THOUGH WE PAY FOR IT IN OUR TAXES. WE HAVE GONE THREE TO FOUR
6 MONTHS WITHOUT SWEEPING. IF A CITY CANNOT SWEEP OUR STREETS,
7 HOW WILL ANOTHER TAX SOLVE THE TRASH PROBLEM FLOWING INTO THE
8 RIVERS AND CREEKS? THIS FLIER SAYS THE MONEY WILL HELP AID
9 WETLANDS. NOBODY COULD HOLD BACK THE CONSTRUCTION ON THE
10 BALLONA WETLANDS. WE HAVE CAMPERS LIVING ON VENICE BOULEVARD
11 LEAKING OIL AND LEAVING TRASH. ADDRESS THE REAL AND IMMEDIATE
12 PROBLEMS FIRST. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SIR. NEXT SPEAKER,
15 PLEASE.

16

17 **JAMES SIMONELLI:** YES. GOOD AFTERNOON DISTINGUISHED CHAIR AND
18 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JAMES SIMONELLI, I REPRESENT A
19 STATEWIDE COALITION CALLED THE CALIFORNIA METALS COALITION. WE
20 HAVE REVIEWED THE PROPOSAL THAT HAS BEEN PUT OUT THERE. AND AT
21 THIS POINT WE DO OPPOSE THE PROPOSAL. OUR INDUSTRY HAS SPENT
22 THE LAST 20 YEARS UNDER THE INDUSTRIAL PERMIT FOR THE STATE OF
23 CALIFORNIA OVERSEEN BY THE FEDERAL CLEAN WATER ACT. WE'VE
24 INVESTED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, MANY MAN HOURS OF TIME IN STORM
25 WATER. SO AS WE REVIEW THIS, WE OBVIOUSLY THINK THAT THERE



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1 SHOULD BE SOME SORT OF CONCESSION FOR THOSE THAT ARE CURRENTLY
2 PAYING FEES, DOING THE PROPER ACTIVITIES WITHIN STORM WATER.
3 AND THEN ALSO, FINALLY, THE WAY THAT THE PARCEL TAX IS
4 CALCULATED BASED ON LAND MASS DOES NOT EQUATE TO POLLUTION. SO
5 WE NEED TO LOOK AT THAT ONCE AGAIN. SO WE DO OPPOSE TODAY, BUT
6 WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU ON THIS. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SIR?

9

10 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD MEMBERS, IT'S BEEN QUITE A FEW
11 YEARS THAT I ADDRESSED YOU REPRESENTING A DEPARTMENT HEAD OF
12 COMMUNITY SERVICES. I'M A RETIREE. I SAY TO YOU TODAY THAT WE
13 ARE LIVING IN SEVERE HOUSING MORTGAGE RECESSIONARY TIMES, THAT
14 INCREASING MORTGAGE TAXES WILL CAUSE FINANCIAL HARDSHIPS ON
15 SENIORS, LOW AND MIDDLE INCOME SENIORS. THE CLEAN WATER TAX
16 INCREASE IN MY EXISTING FLOOD CONTROL DIRECT ASSESSMENT WILL
17 RESULT IN APPROXIMATELY 50 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE UNIT TAX.
18 AS YOU ARE AWARE, THERE ARE 12 ASSESSMENT TAXES ALREADY IN
19 PLACE, MANY OF WHICH ARE NEEDED SUCH AS FIRE, EMERGENCY,
20 MOSQUITO ABATEMENT AND SO FORTH. BUT THIS PARTICULAR TAX WILL
21 NEGATIVELY IMPACT ON BUSINESSES, CITIES, NURSING HOMES,
22 RENTERS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS. I SUBMIT THAT MOST OF THE
23 TESTIMONIES THAT YOU'VE HEARD ARE OPPOSED TO THE CLEAN WATER,
24 AND PERHAPS ALIGN YOURSELF WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF MICHAEL
25 ANTONOVICH, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND SUPERVISOR DON KNABE.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
3 TESTIMONY. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. WE APPRECIATE IT. WE ARE NOW
4 GOING TO CALL HOWARD PORE. INEZ MOGUL. KURT DE MEIRE. LINDA
5 HARING. WARREN ROHN. RHONDA DAGHER. BARBARA GJERSET. WENDY
6 FREEMAN. JIM D'ANGELO. LINDA ROMNEY. DOCTOR GENEVA POTTER.
7 JOEL MOGUL. BETTYE BRYANT. TOM WEADON. MARIA MONTALBO. BLANCA
8 FUNES. PATRICIA DEVIN. SHANNON MCGINNIS. AND FINALLY ARNOLD
9 SACHS. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MA'AM, YOU ARE NEXT. PLEASE
10 PROCEED.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I'M
13 HERE ON BEHALF OF THE CALIFORNIA APARTMENT ASSOCIATION OF LOS
14 ANGELES. I'M HERE IN SOLIDARITY WITH BIZFED. WE ASK THAT YOU
15 NOT MAKE A DECISION UNTIL THE FOLLOWING CONCERNS ARE
16 ADDRESSED. A NUMBER OF THESE CONCERNS HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED BY
17 VARIOUS SPEAKERS. BUT WE HAVE CONCERN ABOUT PROPERTY OWNERS
18 WITH RENT STABILIZED UNITS, AS WELL AS THOSE THAT ALREADY
19 CAPTURE STORM RUNOFF. ANOTHER ONE OF OUR CONCERNS IS THE
20 STABILIZATION, THE RENT STABILIZATION UNITS CAN'T PASS THOSE
21 COSTS ON TO TENANTS. AND WITH INCREASING WATER COSTS AND
22 OTHERS, LANDLORDS ARE UNABLE TO RECOVER THE COSTS ASSOCIATED
23 WITH MAINTAINING THEIR UNITS. OUR FINAL CONCERN IS THE COSTS
24 ABOVE ACTUALLY EXCEED THE YEARLY ALLOWABLE RENT INCREASE OF 3
25 PERCENT, MAKING IT VERY DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN UNITS AS WELL AS



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1 NEW BUILDINGS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN FOR ANY EXEMPTION
2 OR CREDIT REBATE MECHANISM. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND
5 TESTIMONY. SIR?

6

7 **HOWARD PORE:** MY NAME IS HOWARD PORE. YOU KNOW, I FIRST CAME
8 HERE TO SPEAK FOR MYSELF AND MY OWN THINGS HERE. I'M 71 YEARS
9 OLD. I'VE BEEN CLOSE TO TEARS LISTENING TO SOME OF THESE
10 STORIES. HOW ARE THESE PEOPLE GOING TO PAY THESE TAXES?
11 HAVEN'T YOU THOUGHT OF SPREADING THIS LOAD OUT OVER ALL OF THE
12 PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTY? YOUR FLAWED MAILING, WHETHER BY DESIGN
13 OR DEFAULT, AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED WAS WRONG. ANY TIME THAT
14 YOU SEND OUT A MAILING, IT SHOULD BE LIKE THIS IF IT HAS
15 ANYTHING TO DO WITH TAXES. IT SHOULD HAVE THE COUNTY SEAL ON
16 IT AND IT SHOULD HAVE IN BIG RED LETTERS THAT THIS MAY RAISE
17 YOUR TAXES. THIS WOULD HAVE GOTTEN PEOPLE'S ATTENTION. IF I
18 DON'T SEE THAT ON THE NEXT MAILING, I'LL BE AT THE LEGISLATURE
19 IN CALIFORNIA. I JUST CAN'T UNDERSTAND HOW YOU CAN POSSIBLY
20 LISTEN TO THESE STORIES AND THESE PEOPLE WHOSE TAXES ARE
21 ALREADY 43,000 AND HERE YOU'RE GOING TO ADD 36,000 ON IT? I
22 DON'T UNDERSTAND IT. HOW CAN YOU DO IT? HOW CAN YOU SLEEP AT
23 NIGHT?

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SIR? THANK YOU FOR YOUR
2 TESTIMONY. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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4 **HOWARD PORE:** I'VE LOST ALL MY FAITH IN GOVERNMENT.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. AGAIN,
7 PLEASE?

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9 **RHONDA DAGHER:** MY NAME RHONDA DAGHER. I LIVE IN PASADENA. I
10 OWN TWO PROPERTIES. MY PROBLEM IS THE DEVICE THAT THEY'RE
11 GOING TO PUT IT UNDER THE SEWER, IT'S COLLECTING ALL THE DIRT.
12 IN 2010 I START TO SMELL VERY BAD SMELL. I CALLED PASADENA TO
13 COME AND SEE WHAT'S GOING ON. THEY TOLD ME MAYBE IT'S SKUNK,
14 MAYBE IT'S SEWER, MAYBE IT'S RACCOON DEAD UNDER YOUR HOUSE. SO
15 I KEPT CALLING STEVE MADISON'S OFFICE. THEY CAME TO CHECK
16 WHAT'S GOING ON AND THEY TOLD ME THEY PUT A DEVICE UNDER MY
17 DRAIN, STORM DRAIN TO COLLECT ALL THIS STUFF THAT IS GOING TO
18 GO AS A TRIAL SO THEY SEE WHAT IT'S GOING TO BE IN THE FUTURE.
19 WELL, THE SMELL IS REALLY, REALLY BAD. AND IN THE WINTER, WHEN
20 IT COMES THE WINTER, THE RAIN GOES UP, FLOODS AND GOES INTO MY
21 HOUSE. AND I AM THE MAIN, I LIVE ON THE TOP OF THE MAIN STORM
22 DRAIN. SO IF I DON'T CALL AND TO CLEAN, THIS STORM DRAIN FROM
23 THE STUFF THAT IT STAYED INSIDE THE SMELL GOES VERY BAD FOR
24 DAYS AND DAYS. AND THE CITY SENT PEOPLE TO CLEAN BUT WHAT THEY
25 DO, THEY CLEAN OUTSIDE AND THEY PUT POWDER. THIS IS NOT TAKING



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1 CARE OF IT. SO I CALLED MR. MADISON'S OFFICE. THEY SEND ME A
2 BIG TRUCK. THEY OPEN THE AREA AND THEY SUCK ALL THE DIRT. AND
3 THEN WHEN THEY SUCK IT, THE ODOR GOES. BUT I CANNOT LIVE. WE
4 CANNOT LIVE LIKE THIS CALLING MR. MADISON OFFICE EVERY WEEK TO
5 CLEAN IT. AND THIS IS A TRIAL. AND NOBODY TOLD US ABOUT IT.
6 AND I'VE BEEN THERE SINCE 2010. I LIVED IN THIS AREA SINCE
7 1985, NO SMELL UNTIL THIS FILTER GOES UNDER THIS STORM. I
8 MEAN, BESIDE I'M GOING TO PAY TWO PROPERTIES EXTRA YOU KNOW
9 LIKE FEES. I'M GOING LIVE WITH THIS SMELL FOR THE REST OF MY
10 LIFE?

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THIS THE CITY DOING IT OR THE COUNTY
15 PUBLIC WORKS?

16

17 **RHONDA DAGHER:** I DON'T KNOW. WHEN I ASK THEM, I SAID WHO PUT
18 THIS?

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WHERE DO YOU RESIDE, MA'AM?

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PASADENA. HE'LL CHECK OVER HERE WHEN YOU
23 LEAVE, MY DEPUTY. IF IT'S A CITY OR COUNTY ISSUE, AND IF IT'S
24 COUNTY, WE CAN ASSIST YOU. HE IS GOING TO TALK TO YOU RIGHT
25 NOW.



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2 **RHONDA DAGHER:** WHEN I ASKED THEM --

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** MA'AM, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HE'LL FOLLOW-UP WITH YOU.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** CONSULT WITH SUPERVISOR
9 ANTONOVICH'S STAFF. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. ALL RIGHT.
10 LET'S PROCEED, SIR.

11

12 **JIM D'ANGELO:** JIM D'ANGELO FROM TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA. WE'RE
13 JUST RESIDENTIAL AND A COUPLE COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OWNERS.
14 WE'RE NOT IN FAVOR. WE OPPOSE THIS TAX COMPLETELY. BUT I DO
15 HAVE TO SAY, IT'S OVER THE TOP WHEN IT COMES TO COMMERCIAL
16 PROPERTY. IT IS NOT RIGHT TO MAKE A SMALL MINORITY OF THE
17 POPULATION, WHICH IS THE PROPERTY OWNERS, SOLELY RESPONSIBLE
18 FOR WHAT ALL THE GENERAL PUBLIC GOVERNMENT BUSINESSES AND
19 MILLIONS OF VISITORS ARE ACTUALLY CAUSING, NOR FOR WHAT IS
20 DIRECTLY PLACED ON ROADS AND HIGHWAYS. THE CAUSE COMES FROM
21 THE ONES THAT ACTUALLY PURCHASE THE CONTAMINANT. IF YOU MUST
22 GO FORWARD WITH THIS, A FAIR WAY TO ASSESS THE COST IS TO HAVE
23 THE PUBLIC, BUSINESSES AND VISITORS PAY A TAX ON THE
24 CONTAMINANT WHEN THEY PURCHASE IT. YOU KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THE
25 PRODUCTS APPLY. FOR THE MONEY YOU WANT TO RAISE PER YEAR, IT



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1 WILL BE A MINUTE COST TO EACH OF US WHEN SPREAD AMONGST THE
2 MASSES. TO HAVE AN ELECTION MAKING IT FOR THE PROPERTY OWNERS
3 THAT ARE GOING PAY FOR IT AND NOT FOR SOMEONE THAT IT WILL
4 NOT, WHO CAN LAY IT ON THE OTHER GUY, NOW THERE'S A STOCKPILE
5 OF VOTER INDEBTEDNESS AND DIRECT ASSESSMENTS IN L.A. COUNTY
6 THAT ARE UP TO 40 PERCENT ON A TAX BILL AND WHICH I HEAR A
7 ROAD TAX IS COMING. MY POINT IS --

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SIR? YOUR POINT IS? MAY SAY THAT
10 YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

11

12 **JIM D'ANGELO:** MY POINT IS YOU'RE PROPOSING TO PENALIZE A SMALL
13 SELECT GROUP TO CARRY THE LOAD FOR THE GREATER MASS. WHY IS IT
14 NOT FAIR TO SPREAD OUT THE COST AMONG THE MASSES, THOSE WHO
15 PURCHASED THE PROBLEM, TO PAY A MINUTE AMOUNT FOR THEIR USE OF
16 THE PRODUCT YOU SAY CAUSED IT?

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
19 TESTIMONY. YOU MAY PROCEED, MA'AM. YOUR NAME.

20

21 **BARBARA GJERSET:** I'M BARBARA GJERSET. I'M PROPERTY OWNER. I'M
22 SURROUNDED BY THE STATION FIRE WHICH DID A LOT OF DAMAGE TO MY
23 PROPERTY. AND I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO REBUILD VERY MUCH OF IT.
24 AND I'VE OWNED THE PROPERTY FOR 30 YEARS. I DO NOT HAVE ANY
25 CEMENT OR BLACKTOP ON MY PROPERTY. IT IS ALL NATURAL DIRT AND



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1 GRASS. THE NEAREST STORM DRAIN IS 5 MILES AWAY NEAR THE
2 INTERSECTION OF FLORA VISTA AND BIG TUJUNGA CANYON ROAD. I'M
3 IN THE CITY OF TUJUNGA. I'M RETIRED. I'M NOT ABLE TO PAY A
4 HUGE ASSESSMENT, WHICH BASICALLY 150 PERCENT ADDITION TO MY
5 PROPERTY TAX. I DON'T HAVE ANY RUNOFF WHEN IT RAINS BECAUSE I
6 HAVE DIRT AND GRASS. SO I PROTEST THE FEE. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MA'AM?

9

10 **WENDY FREEMAN:** HELLO. MY NAME IS WENDY FREEMAN AND. I LIVE IN
11 SUNLAND, CALIFORNIA. AND HERE IS MY JUNK MAIL THAT I THOUGHT
12 WAS JUNK MAIL. AND ALMOST DIDN'T READ. AND I WANT TO THANK MR.
13 ANTONOVICH FOR YOU OPPOSING IT AND THE SUGGESTIONS THAT YOU
14 SUGGESTED. AND I HOPE THAT THEY TAKE IT INTO CONSIDERATION.
15 I'M OPPOSED TO THIS TAX. I'M A SIMPLE HOMEOWNER, A SENIOR
16 CITIZEN AND NOT EVEN THE PEOPLE THAT AREN'T SENIOR CITIZENS,
17 THEY CAN'T AFFORD THIS, EITHER. WE ALREADY PAY TAXES ON OUR
18 PROPERTIES FOR FLOOD AND WATER BASINS. THIS IS DOUBLE
19 TAXATIONS. YOU KEEP TAXING HOMEOWNERS. WE CAN'T AFFORD IT.
20 YOU'RE DRIVING US OUT. HOMEOWNERS, BUSINESSES, SCHOOLS, WE
21 CAN'T AFFORD IT. THERE ARE OTHER WAYS TO HANDLE THIS BESIDES
22 HOMEOWNERS. LET'S PUT THIS ON THE BALLOT AND LET US VOTE ON
23 IT. ADD ANOTHER QUARTER PERCENT OR HALF TAX TO EVERYONE.
24 YOU'RE REAL GOOD ABOUT THAT. NOT JUST HOMEOWNERS. THANK YOU.

25



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MA'AM?

2

3 **SPEAKER:** I ATTEND EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
4 WATER AND POWER COMMISSIONER HEARINGS. AND I'D LIKE TO REPORT
5 THAT THE 30 PERCENT RATE INCREASE IN THE WATER FOR THE
6 DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND POWER WAS PASSED. IT HAS NOT AS OF
7 THIS POINT YET BEEN APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL. YOU WANT
8 CLEAN WATER? WELL, WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE, LADIES AND
9 GENTLEMEN, IS THAT EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THE RESERVOIRS IS BEING
10 CONVERTED OVER TO DRINKING WATER QUALITY. DRINKING WATER
11 QUALITY. WHAT DO WE DO WITH THE WATER? WE WASH OUR CLOTHES. WE
12 TAKE SHOWERS IN IT. WE FLUSH THE TOILETS WITH IT. WE DO NOT
13 NEED DRINKING WATER QUALITY FOR EVERY SINGLE ONE OF THOSE
14 RESERVOIRS. WHAT WE'RE DOING IS WE ARE TAXING ALL OF YOUR
15 CITIZENS AND RATE PAYERS OUT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. WE
16 CANNOT AFFORD THIS. WE ALREADY HAVE A TAX ON OUR PROPERTY
17 BILLS FOR STORM REFORM, FOR STORM CONTROL. IF PEOPLE ARE
18 LITTERING, FINE THE PEOPLE THAT ARE LITTERING. GIVE THEM A
19 FINE. NOT THE PROPERTY OWNERS. THE WATER GOES DOWN INTO OUR
20 LAND, THERE IS NO WAY THAT WE SHOULD HAVE THIS TAX IMPOSED
21 UPON US. IT'S TOO MUCH, WE CANNOT AFFORD IT. LOS ANGELES HAS
22 GOT TO CHANGE. IF THEY DON'T, WE'LL HAVE TO MOVE WITH OUR
23 FEET. THANK YOU.

24



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

2 MA'AM, THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** I THINK THAT THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS MEETING FOR ME
5 TODAY IS TO HEAR ALL OF THESE DIFFERENT VIEWPOINTS. AND I HAVE
6 LEARNED MORE TODAY ABOUT WHAT IS WRONG WITH THIS MEASURE THAN
7 I REALLY UNDERSTOOD. AND FOR THAT, I'M DEEPLY GRATEFUL THAT WE
8 HAVE THIS HEARING. THERE ARE TWO MEASURES ALREADY INCLUDED IN
9 OUR PROPERTY TAXES, AND THEY APPARENTLY HAVE NOT BEEN
10 EFFECTIVE, THE FLOOD CONTROL ON THE BASIN WATER RUNOFF
11 CONTROL. THEY ARE THERE, I PAY THEM. SO WE ARE GOING TO ADD A
12 THIRD MEASURE AND INCREASE OUR TAXES? I DON'T THINK SO. I
13 THINK WE NEED TO GO BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD AND RETHINK HOW
14 WE ARE GOING TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM OF POLLUTION AND INCREASED
15 POPULATION. THIS SEEMS TO BE ONE OF THE MAJOR PROBLEMS FOR THE
16 LACK OF CLEAN WATER AND ALSO A MUCH, MUCH STRONGER VIEW OF WHO
17 THE INDUSTRIES ARE HERE AND HOW DID THAT POLLUTION COME ABOUT?
18 WE NEED BOTH. WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT JUST RUNOFF. SO I'M
19 OPPOSED TO THIS MEASURE. I FEEL THAT WE NEED A MEASURE WITHOUT
20 QUESTION ABOUT CLEAN WATER, BUT NOT THIS ONE. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. MAY I CALL SIMBOA
23 WRIGHT? RON MILLER. KEVIN SHARPTON. MELANIE WINTER. MICHAEL
24 DRENNAN. KAREN FEINBERG. MR. SACHS, PROCEED.

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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.
2 YOU WANT CLEAN WATER? YOU FIRST KNOW YOU NEED TO START WITH
3 SOME CLEANER POLITICIANS. JUST HEARING A LOT OF DISCUSSION
4 ABOUT THE WISH FOR OPENNESS AND TRANSPARENCY, DISCUSSIONS
5 ABOUT THE BALLOTS. BEFORE YOU, PRIOR TO YOU PUT THIS BALLOT
6 MOTION FORWARD IN YOUR MEETING, YOU HAD MEETINGS AND IT WAS
7 DISCOVERED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WAS DOING
8 MAILINGS FOR WATER BOARDS THAT WERE LOOKING FOR RATE INCREASES
9 FOR THEIR USERS. WHY WAS THE PUBLIC WORKS INVOLVED THERE? SO
10 THE ADDRESSING PART OF THIS ENVELOPE SITUATION IS JUST A
11 SYMPTOM OF THINGS THAT GO WRONG WITH THE COUNTY AND THE BOARD
12 OF SUPERVISORS. I WOULD BRING TO THE PUBLIC'S ATTENTION AN
13 ITEM THAT APPEARED IN THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BACK IN 2006,
14 ONE OF THE MONTHS I FIRST STARTED COMING HERE. AND IT REGARDS
15 THE EXPANSION OF THE SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL. AND THE BOARD
16 OF SUPERVISORS VOTED TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY FROM 6,000
17 POUNDS A DAY, 36,000 POUNDS A WEEK, TO 12,100 POUNDS A DAY, TO
18 66 -- NOT POUNDS, TONS.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SIR?

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22 **ARNOLD SACHS:** 66,000 TONS A WEEK.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

25



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1 **ARNOLD SACHS:** 12 TIMES 6 THAT'S YOUR MATH, YOU'RE IN TROUBLE.

2

3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

4

5 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YOU'RE WELCOME.

6

7 **RAJ KAHLON:** HI, MY NAME IS RAJ KAHLON, I AM FROM -- PROPERTY
8 OWNER. I RECEIVED THIS NOTICE WHICH MAKES NO SENSE AT ALL. I
9 DON'T KNOW WHOEVER PUT THIS TOGETHER. I THINK YOU NEED TO
10 REMOVE THIS PERSON. AND AFTER I RECEIVED THIS NOTICE, I WENT
11 ON AN INSPECTION OF YOUR DRAINAGE SYSTEM AND THE STREET
12 CLEANER YOU WANT TO CHARGE US FOR THIS ONE. AND I HAVE SOME
13 PHOTOS FOR THIS ONE FOR THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM NEED TO BE CLEANED
14 UP. SO I LIKE YOU TO SEE THOSE PICTURES HOW THE DRAINING
15 SYSTEM LOOK LIKE, WHICH WE ARE PAYING FOR THE STREET CLEANING
16 AND THE DRAINAGE SYSTEM IS NOT BEEN CLEANED FOR PROBABLY FIVE
17 OR SIX YEARS. SO THIS IS A MESS SITTING RIGHT HERE. PLEASE
18 TAKE CARE OF THAT AS QUICK AS POSSIBLE FROM OUR NEIGHBORHOOD
19 OR I WILL FORWARD THIS NEWS TO THE NEWS MEDIA. THANK YOU. SO
20 HERE IS PHOTOS.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.

23 SIR?

24



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1 **KEVIN SHARPTON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIRMAN AND SUPERVISORS. MY
2 NAME IS KEVIN SHARPTON AND I'M HERE TODAY IN FAVOR OF CLEAN
3 WATER AND THIS PROGRAM IF PROGRAMS CAN BE IDENTIFIED. I'M
4 PROPOSING A SOLUTION TO REDUCE ACTUALLY FECAL COLIFORM
5 POLLUTION, SPECIFICALLY FROM PET WASTE IN THE STORM WATER. OUR
6 COMPANY, POO PRINTS WEST, CURRENTLY OFFERS MULTIUNIT HOUSING A
7 D.N.A. PET WASTE MANAGEMENT SOLUTION. WE COULD TAKE THIS
8 PROGRAM TO THE COUNTY LEVEL AS WE JUST INTRODUCED THIS TO THE
9 DALLAS CITY COUNCIL A COUPLE WEEKS AGO. THE PROPOSAL IS THIS:
10 EVERY DOG IN THE L.A. COUNTY WOULD SUBMIT THEIR D.N.A. BASED
11 ON OUR POO PRINTS PROGRAM. IF WASTE IS LEFT BEHIND BY
12 IRRESPONSIBLE OWNERS, A D.N.A. MATCH FROM THE WASTE CAN FIND
13 THE OFFENDING OWNER AND THE COUNTY'S NUISANCE FINES CAN BE
14 IMPOSED SOLELY UPON THEM WITHOUT TAXATION UPON THE ENTIRE
15 COMMUNITY. A SINGLE GRAM OF DOG FECES CAN CONTAIN 23 MILLION
16 FECAL COLIFORM BACTERIA. BACTERIAL SOURCE TRACKING STUDIES IN
17 THE WATERSHED IN THE SEATTLE AREA FOUND THAT NEARLY 20 PERCENT
18 OF BACTERIA -- THAT COULD BE MATCHED WITH HOST ANIMALS WERE
19 MATCHED WITH DOGS. A 20 SQUARE MILE WATERSHED WITH 2 TO 3 DAYS
20 OF DROPPINGS FROM A POPULATION OF ABOUT 100 DOGS WOULD
21 CONTRIBUTE ENOUGH BACTERIA TO WARRANT A TEMPORARY CLOSE OF
22 THIS WATER BODY. L.A. COUNTY HAS 1.5 MILLION DOGS. 40 PERCENT
23 OF DOG OWNERS DO NOT PICK UP. I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT A
24 BROCHURE TO THE SERGEANT IF I COULD.

25



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOU MAY INDEED.

2

3 **KEVIN SHARPTON:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LADIES AND
6 GENTLEMEN, THAT CONCLUDES THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS
7 TESTIMONY. I SEE PEOPLE WAVING THEIR HANDS. I HAVE CALLED
8 EVERY SINGLE NOTE THAT I HAVE. NOW WHO IS OF THE IMPRESSION,
9 MISTAKEN THOUGH IT MAY BE THAT THEIR NAME WAS NOT CALLED? COME
10 RIGHT FORWARD. IN OTHER WORDS, DRAW NIGH UNTO ME. ALL RIGHT. I
11 SEE FOUR. GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE, THE FOUR OF YOU MAY COME.
12 WAIT A MINUTE. I SAW YOU TESTIFY BEFORE. SIR, COME RIGHT ON
13 THROUGH. SERGEANT, LET HIM COME THROUGH. THIS IS JUST ON ITEM
14 40. THIS IS NOT ON PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE ENTIRE BOARD
15 MEETING. NOW DO YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON ITEM 40?

16

17 **SPEAKER:** YES, SIR.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. YOU MAY BE SEATED TO DO
20 SO. MAKE SURE THAT THERE ARE CARDS AND LET ME SAY THAT WILL
21 ESSENTIALLY BE THE FINAL PERSONS TO BE HEARD. FOUR MORE
22 MINUTES OF TESTIMONY. YOU MAY BEGIN NOW.

23

24 **JOSEPH COTA:** MY NAME IS JOE COTA, I'M A PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGIST
25 AND I PREPARE STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLANS. THERE



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1 ARE SOME FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEMS WITH THE COUNTY'S REPORT THAT
2 NEED TO REALLY BE LOOKED AT. I WOULDN'T SUPPORT IT UNTIL YOU
3 CHANGED SOME OF THE THINGS. WE HAVE -- PART OF IT IS THAT YOU
4 NEED TO STOP POLLUTION AT ITS SOURCE. WHAT THEY'RE DOING IS
5 THEY'RE TAXING FOR RUNOFF FROM THE SOURCES RATHER THAN GIVING
6 TAX INITIATIVES OR TAX BREAKS FOR PEOPLE THAT WOULD INSTALL
7 ROOF, THINGS LIKE RAIN BARRELS AND GREEN ROOFS, GARDENS AND
8 THINGS RATHER THAN TAXING THEM. I HAVE ONE PROPERTY AT 15584
9 SIERRA HIGHWAY THAT'S AN 11.7 ACRE CHURCH PROPERTY. IT'S A
10 RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY WITH NINE SMALL COTTAGES. THEY'RE BEING
11 TAXED AT -- THE FEE IS 91 PERCENT RUNOFF THERE, THEY'RE
12 CLAIMING, BASED ON THE ANALYSIS FROM STANDARD HYDROLOGY MANUAL
13 WHICH DON'T APPLY. WE MEASURED THE AREA. 10,947 SQUARE FEET
14 INCLUDING ALL THE PAVEMENT.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU.

17

18 **JOSEPH COTA:** IT ACTUAL IS 2.35 PERCENT RUNOFF. THEY'RE BEING
19 TAXED \$10,969.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
22 YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. MA'AM, THE FLOWER IS YOURS.

23



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1 **PILAR HOYOS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. PILAR HOYOS. I THINK THAT THERE'S
2 A CONSPIRACY HERE. SOMEBODY PUT MY NAME IN THE COMPUTER AND I
3 DON'T KNOW WHY I WASN'T CALLED.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** A CONSPIRACY, YOU SAY?

6

7 **PILAR HOYOS:** THAT WAS A JOKE.

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9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE'RE GOING TO CHASE THAT
10 CONSPIRACY DOWN.

11

12 **PILAR HOYOS:** PILAR HOYOS, REPRESENTING WATSON LAND COMPANY.
13 WE'RE BASED IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, ONE OF YOUR LARGEST LAND
14 OWNERS IN THE DISTRICT AND HAPPY TO SAY THAT MORE THAN 8,000
15 PEOPLE COME TO WORK IN OUR MASTER PLAN CENTERS. WE ARE PART OF
16 THE BIZFED COALITION AND STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS MEASURE AS IT'S
17 WRITTEN. WE URGE YOU TO REJECT IT AS WRITTEN. AMONG THE
18 SPECIFIC CONCERNS THAT YOU'VE HEARD TODAY, WE AGREE THE
19 PROCESS HAS BEEN DECEPTIVE AND JUST FLAWED AT BEST. THE
20 METHODOLOGY CREATES A DISINCENTIVE FOR COMPANIES LIKE WATSON
21 LAND COMPANY WHO SPEND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO CAPTURE THE
22 SURFACE RUNOFF. AND YOU'VE HEARD THAT FROM MANY OTHER
23 SPEAKERS, AS WELL. THAT VERY REASON ALSO UNDERMINES THE LEGAL
24 BASIS FOR TREATING THIS AS A FEE. THIS IS A TAX. AND THUS
25 REQUIRES A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE ENTIRE ELECTORATE.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** MA'AM?

3

4 **PILAR HOYOS:** THAT'S IT. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** CONSPIRACY NOTWITHSTANDING, YOUR
7 TIME HAS EXPIRED.

8

9 **PILAR HOYOS:** I'D LIKE TO SUBMIT THE LETTER THAT I HAND
10 DELIVERED TO THE SUPERVISORS FOR THE RECORD. THANK YOU VERY
11 MUCH FOR THE TIME.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YOU'RE WELCOME. THANK YOU FOR
14 YOUR TESTIMONY. SIR? YOU MAY PROCEED.

15

16 **JAMES BONNY:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JIM BONNY. I'M THE
17 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY MANAGER FOR CERTIFIED ALLIED
18 PRODUCTS IN LONG BEACH. WE EMPLOY 100 EMPLOYEES. WE'VE HAD A
19 TOUGH YEAR THIS LAST YEAR. THEY'VE HAD TO BE FURLOUGHED IN
20 LIEU OF LAYOFF. WE DO A LOT OF EFFORTS HERE. WE'RE AN I.S.O.
21 14,001 COMPANY, WHERE WE DO A LOT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT. WE HAVE
22 STORM WATER PROGRAM. WE DO BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES. WE DO
23 ALL THE THINGS WE'RE SUPPOSED TO AND WE PAY FEES ON THAT. THIS
24 IS NOT THE WAY TO DO THIS. WE -- AS A SAFETY MANAGER, WE TRY
25 TO FIX THINGS NOT REACTIVELY BUT PROACTIVELY. WE NEED TO



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1 PROACTIVELY FIX THIS. WE HAVE A PERMIT, BUT OUR NEIGHBORS
2 DON'T. THEY'RE DUMPING STUFF ONTO OUR PROPERTY AND THEY'RE
3 PART OF THE PROBLEM. WE NEED TO FIX THE PROBLEM, NOT GO AND
4 TRY TO GET MORE MONEY FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURE.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. FINAL SPEAKER.

9

10 **SUZANNE DEBENEDITTIS:** I WAS IN THE COMPUTER, ALSO, SUZANNE
11 DEBENEDITTIS, CULVER CITY.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A LONG TALK
14 WITH THAT COMPUTER, OKAY?

15

16 **SUZANNE DEBENEDITTIS:** THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

19

20 **SUZANNE DEBENEDITTIS:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS AND CHAIR. I LIKE
21 THE INTENT OF THE PROPOSAL, BUT THERE'S A LACK OF
22 ACCOUNTABILITY AND A NUMBER OF EQUITIES THAT MUST BE
23 ADDRESSED. ONE EXAMPLE IS WHEN THE NEARBY P.X.P. OIL FIELD
24 DUMPS ITS TOXIC WASTES INTO THE BALLONA CHANNEL, IF IT GETS
25 CAUGHT, IT GETS SLAPPED ON THE HAND FINE. IN FACT RIGHT NOW



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1 THEY'RE ASKING THE WATER BOARD TO RENEW PERMITS TO DUMP OVER
2 7-1/2 MILLION GALLONS PER DAY OF STORM WATER RUNOFF. THIS
3 FIELD ALSO LEECHES TOXINS INTO THE WATERSHED AND IT PLANS TO
4 PUMP ITS CONTAMINATED FRACK WATER BACK INTO THE GROUND, TRYING
5 TO CONVINCE US THAT THE WATERSHED, WHICH YOU'RE SEEKING TO
6 RESTORE ITS AQUIFERS, IS REALLY NOT POTABLE WATER. WE NEED
7 INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOPS FOR THE PUBLIC TO LEARN THE DETAILS,
8 WEIGH IN AND HELP CREATE A PROPOSAL THAT IS FAIR AND
9 EQUITABLE, THEN PUT IT ON THE BALLOT AT A TIME WHEN MOST
10 PEOPLE WILL GO OUT TO VOTE. THANK YOU FOR ALL THE TIME YOU'VE
11 TAKEN TODAY TO HEAR FROM US ALL. WE TRUST THAT DEMOCRACY WILL
12 PREVAIL AS WE WORK TOGETHER. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY.
15 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THAT DOES EFFECTIVELY CLOSE THE PUBLIC
16 COMMENT PORTION OF OUR HEARING. SUPERVISOR KNABE WISHES TO BE
17 HEARD.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN. FIRST OF ALL, TO YOU AND
20 TO YOUR STAFF, A VERY PATIENT AND GREAT JOB TODAY RUNNING THE
21 MEETING.

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SIR.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** WE THANK YOU FOR THAT. OBVIOUSLY THESE THINGS CAN
2 FROM TIME TO TIME GET OUT OF CONTROL AND YOU DID A GREAT JOB
3 OF WORKING WITH EVERYONE TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE WAS HEARD.
4 THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF COMMENT TODAY AND PRIOR TO TODAY'S
5 MEETING I THINK THEY WERE ABLE TO ARTICULATE AND VALIDATE AND
6 VOCALIZE WHAT THEY'VE BEEN TELLING OUR OFFICES, AND MINE IN
7 PARTICULAR. THIS CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES INITIATIVE IS THE
8 LARGEST PROTEST HEARING PROCESS THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS
9 EVER UNDERTAKEN. IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN CONVENIENT, TRANSPARENT
10 AND OPEN AS POSSIBLE. BUT UNFORTUNATELY AS YOU HEARD TODAY AND
11 ONGOING, IT DID NOT LIVE UP TO THAT. WE CONTINUE TO RECEIVE
12 SIGNIFICANT CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE PUBLIC WHO DO NOT
13 UNDERSTAND THE NEED FOR THE FEE. SOME HAVE QUESTIONED THE
14 CREDIBILITY OF THE WAY THE PROCESS HAD BEEN CONDUCTED. WE
15 MAILED A VERY IMPORTANT PROTEST HEARING NOTICE THAT REALLY
16 TRULY LOOKS LIKE JUNK MAIL TO THE PUBLIC DURING THE BUSIEST
17 MAIL SEASON OF THE YEAR, AND WE ARE STILL BEING TOLD THAT MANY
18 NEVER RECEIVED THE NOTICE OR MORE IMPORTANTLY INADVERTENTLY
19 THROWN AWAY. ADDITIONALLY, UNFORTUNATELY WE WERE RECENTLY
20 INFORMED THAT AN ONLINE OR EMAIL PROTEST WAS AN OPTION FOR US
21 TO USE DURING THESE PROCEEDINGS BUT WAS NEVER SET UP. THIS
22 TYPE OF PROCESS SHOULD HAVE BEEN MADE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FROM
23 THE BEGINNING TO ENSURE THAT THEIR OPPORTUNITY TO PROTEST WAS
24 AS CONVENIENT AS POSSIBLE. ALSO THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS, WE
25 HEARD FROM HOMEOWNERS, BUSINESSES, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, CITIES,



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1 CHURCHES, NONPROFITS, CHAMBERS AND EVEN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS
2 THAT HAVE REQUESTED THE PROCESS BE GIVEN MORE TIME SO THAT
3 THEIR ISSUES COULD BE ADDRESSED. MANY PROPERTY OWNERS AND
4 BUSINESSES ARE CONCERNED THAT THEY'RE ALREADY REQUIRED BY
5 VARIOUS LAWS THROUGHOUT THE FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS TO
6 DO THE THINGS THAT THIS PARCEL FEE IS MEANT TO ACHIEVE, SUCH
7 AS CAPTURING STORM WATER, INSTALLING PERMEABLE PAVEMENT, AND
8 SO ON. SO THAT IS AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE DOUBLE TAXATION.
9 OTHERS WANT TO SEE A SPECIFIC PROJECT LIST TO KNOW WHERE THE
10 MONEY WILL BE GOING. AND WHAT IS MENTIONED MOST TO THE ME WAS
11 MOST RECENTLY THE M.T.A. MEASURE R AND MEASURE J, PROJECT-
12 SPECIFIC. FINALLY, WE ARE ALSO ASKING SCHOOLS, CHURCHES,
13 NONPROFITS, THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE STRUGGLED MOST THROUGH
14 THIS TOUGH ECONOMY, OPEN SPACE TO DIVERT FUNDS FROM THE
15 PROGRAMS TO PAY THIS FEE. MOST OF THESE GROUPS HAVE NO IDEA
16 WHERE THESE FUNDS WILL COME FROM. WE NEED TO TAKE A STEP BACK,
17 GIVE EVERYONE A CHANCE TO BE HEARD AND FIGURE OUT A PATH
18 FORWARD WHICH IS FAIR, EQUITABLE AND ACHIEVES OUR SHARED GOAL,
19 WHICH IS CLEANER WATER AND BEACHES HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
20 SO I WOULD MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CONTINUE THE
21 PROTEST PROCESS AND PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CLEAN WATER AND
22 BEACHES INITIATIVE FOR AN ADDITIONAL 90 DAYS AND DIRECT THE
23 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND I'M GOING TO ADD AND COUNTY
24 COUNSEL TO ADDRESS AND REPORT BACK ON THE FOLLOWING ISSUES.
25 ONE, TO IMMEDIATELY PROVIDE AN ONLINE EMAIL PROTEST OPTION TO



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1 THE PUBLIC. TWO, PROVIDE A PROCESS FOR PLACING THIS INITIATIVE
2 ON A GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT IF THERE IS NO MAJORITY PROTEST.
3 THREE, DETERMINE A POSSIBLE SUNSET DATE FOR THIS INITIATIVE.
4 FOUR, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY TO FIND A SPECIFIC LIST OF PROJECTS
5 THAT THIS INITIATIVE WOULD FUND. FIVE, ADDRESS THE CONCERN OF
6 DOUBLE TAXATION FOR THOSE THAT ARE ALREADY CAPTURING AND
7 TREATING STORM WATER AND ABIDING BY THE LAW. AND, SIX, DEVELOP
8 POTENTIAL ALTERNATIVE MECHANISMS TO FUND STORM WATER QUALITY
9 PROJECTS. AND I'D LIKE TO PUT THAT MOTION ON THE TABLE.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE. THE
12 MATTER IS BEFORE -- SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, IT'S MY
13 UNDERSTANDING THAT YOU WISH TO BE HEARD, AS WELL.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PUTTING MOTIONS ON THE TABLE, I'D LIKE TO PUT
16 TWO ON THE TABLE, THEN WE CAN DISCUSS THE THREE OF THEM
17 BECAUSE THEY'RE RELATED IN A SENSE THAT ONE IS TO ELIMINATE
18 IT. ONE IS TO DELAY IT. AND THE OTHER IS TO LOOK FOR
19 ADDITIONAL FUNDING WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT. SO THE FIRST MOTION
20 I WOULD READ THAT COUNTIES AND CITIES CONTINUE TO SHOULDER THE
21 FINANCIAL BURDEN PLACED BY THE STATE AND FEDERAL AND FUNDED
22 WATER MANDATES DESPITE THE STRUGGLING BUT SEVERE BUDGET CUTS.
23 THE COUNTY, TOGETHER WITH OTHER AGENCIES AND INDUSTRIES ARE
24 NOW SPENDING UPWARDS OF \$340 MILLION A YEAR IN EFFORTS TO
25 COMPLY WITH STATE AND FEDERAL WATER REGULATIONS. THIS PROPOSAL



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1 WILL COST THE COUNTY AN ADDITIONAL \$5 MILLION IN NEW TAXES ON
2 COUNTY-OWNED PROPERTY. LOCAL GOVERNMENT, MORE THAN ANY OTHER
3 LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT, CONTINUES TO INVEST PUBLIC RESOURCES IN
4 EVER GROWING AMOUNTS TO CLEAN WATER GOALS. LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
5 SPENT \$50 BILLION IN 1995 TO OVER \$103 BILLION IN 2009 ON
6 CLEAN WATER GOALS, A TOTAL OF \$1.6 TRILLION. MEANWHILE, THE
7 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PROVIDES LESS THAN \$2 BILLION PER YEAR TO
8 THE STATES WHO PROVIDE THE LOANS, NOT GRANTS, TO LOCAL
9 GOVERNMENT. CURRENTLY THE THIRD MOST COSTLY MUNICIPAL
10 EXPENDITURE FOR CITIES IS PROVIDING SAFE AND ADEQUATE WATER.
11 ADDITIONALLY, INFLATION, POPULATION GROWTH AND AN AGING
12 INFRASTRUCTURE CONTINUES TO INCREASE THE NEEDED INVESTMENT
13 EACH YEAR. YET EVEN WITH THESE PRE-EXISTING COSTS, THE STATE
14 AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONTINUE TO PURSUE AN AGGRESSIVE
15 PROGRAM OF ADVANCING NEW WATER REGULATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT
16 ACTIONS THAT EXPAND COUNTY AND CITY'S RESPONSIBILITY BUT ONLY
17 OFFER MARGINAL BENEFITS. SERIOUS CHANGES MUST BE MADE TO
18 DECREASE THE EXCESSIVE COSTS BEING PASSED DOWN TO TAXPAYERS
19 THROUGH ENORMOUS TAX INCREASES AND TAX HIKES HITTING CITIZENS
20 WHERE IT HURTS MOST. SO THIS MOTION WOULD MOVE THAT THE BOARD
21 OPPOSE THE CLEAN WATER BEACHES TAX PROPOSED BY THE FLOOD
22 CONTROL DISTRICT. AND THE SECOND MOTION, MR. CHAIRMAN, THE
23 FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT'S CONTINUING TO INCREASE PROPERTY TAXES
24 ON 2.2 MILLION PARCELS IN THE COUNTY TO PAY FOR AN UNDEFINED
25 LIST OF PROJECTS TO TREAT STORM WATER RUNOFFS, EVEN THOUGH THE



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1 DISTRICT DOES NOT HAVE A SPECIFIC LIST OF PROJECTS OR COSTS
2 FOR COMPLETING THE PROJECTS. IT IS RECOMMENDING INCREASING
3 PROPERTY TAXES TO PAY FOR THEM. THE RESPONSIBLE APPROACH WOULD
4 BE TO IDENTIFY PROJECTS' COSTS AND EXISTING REVENUE BEFORE
5 PASSING THE BUCK TO THE TAXPAYERS. THE STATUS AND AMOUNT OF
6 REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS TO THE COUNTY IS SO FAR IS UNCERTAIN.
7 HOWEVER, \$742.1 MILLION IN ONE-TIME REVENUES HAS BEEN
8 DISTRIBUTED TO ALL TAXING ENTITIES SINCE THE DISSOLUTION OF
9 REDEVELOPMENT. A PORTION OF THOSE FUNDS WILL EVENTUALLY BECOME
10 ONGOING REVENUE. MOREOVER, ONCE ALL REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY DEBT
11 IS PAID OFF, THE COUNTY WILL RECEIVE APPROXIMATELY \$450
12 MILLION ANNUALLY IN ADDITIONAL REVENUE FROM WHAT WAS ONCE
13 REDEVELOPMENT TAX INCREMENTS. PER THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER. THE
14 COUNTY WILL RECEIVE OVER \$156 MILLION IN REVENUE IN THE
15 CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT ALSO RECEIVES
16 NEARLY \$6 MILLION IN THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. COMBINED, THE
17 COUNTY AND FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT WILL RECEIVE \$162 MILLION IN
18 ONE-TIME REVENUES THIS FISCAL YEAR THAT COULD BE USED FOR
19 STORM WATER CLEANUP PROJECTS WITHOUT HAVING TO INCREASE
20 PROPERTY TAXES. IN ADDITION, LOSS OF REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS HAS
21 PUT A STRAIN ON BOTH CITY AND COUNTY BUDGETS. THE COST OF
22 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STANDARDS AS DICTATED BY THE MUNICIPAL
23 SEPARATE STORM WATER SYSTEMS, MS4, PERMIT ADDS TO THAT STRAIN.
24 RETURNING REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS TO THE CITIES IN THE FORM OF
25 STORM WATER PROJECT FUNDING COULD ASSIST IN PROVIDING FUNDING



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1 STABILITY. SO I'D MOVE THAT THE C.E.O. AND THE FLOOD CONTROL
2 DISTRICT REPORT BACK ON THE FEASIBILITY OF USING A PORTION OF
3 THE \$162 MILLION IN REDEVELOPMENT REVENUE COLLECTED BY THE
4 COUNTY AND FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT ON STORM WATER PROJECTS
5 INSTEAD OF INCREASING PROPERTY TAXES. AND, TWO, OTHER SOURCES
6 OF REVENUE THAT COULD BE USED FOR STORM WATER PROJECTS THAT
7 DON'T INVOLVE RAISING PROPERTY TAXES, INCLUDING FUND BALANCES
8 AND FLOOD CONTROL DESIGNATIONS, ONE-TIME AND ONGOING REVENUES
9 FROM FORMER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCIES. SO THOSE ARE THE TWO
10 MOTIONS PUT ON THE TABLE, MR. CHAIR.

11
12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
13 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. LET ME WEIGH IN AT THIS POINT AND
14 DETERMINE IF WE CAN'T MOVE THE MATTER FORWARD. WE HAVE
15 OBVIOUSLY HEARD A VERY SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF TESTIMONY TODAY,
16 JUST UNDER 200 PERSONS DID HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AND
17 DID SPEAK, PRECISELY 194, IF MY INFORMATION IS CORRECT AS IT
18 CAME FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE. AND THE MATTER HAS BEEN PUT
19 FORTH IN TERMS OF THE PROS AND CONS. WE HAVE THREE MOTIONS
20 BEFORE US. I SHOULD THINK THAT WE WOULD CLOSE THE PUBLIC
21 HEARING TODAY. I WOULD FURTHER THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE THAT WE
22 DIRECT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO TALLY THE PROTEST
23 BALLOTS AND REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD WITH THAT FINAL TALLY.
24 AND I THINK WE OUGHT TO MOVE IN THE DIRECTION OF TAKING INTO
25 CONSIDERATION THE FEEDBACK THAT WAS PROVIDED TODAY. THAT



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1 FEEDBACK, BY ANY OBJECTIVE STANDARD OF MEASUREMENT WOULD HAVE
2 TO BE DEEMED SUBSTANTIAL. WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS FULL
3 CONSENSUS IN TERMS OF THE PROS AND CONS OF THAT FEEDBACK, THE
4 FACT OF THE MATTER IS IT CANNOT BE IGNORED. TO THE EXTENT THAT
5 THAT WE CONCUR THAT IT CAN BE IGNORED, I WOULD HOPE THAT THERE
6 WOULD BE THE APPROPRIATE REVISIONS, TO REDRAFT THE ORDINANCE.
7 AND THERE SHOULD BE IN THAT PROCESS SUFFICIENT TIME ALLOTTED
8 FOR PUBLIC INPUT JUST AS WE'VE HAD TODAY. THE FORM OF THAT
9 PUBLIC INPUT CAN BE WHAT IS DEEMED APPROPRIATE AND CONSISTENT
10 WITH LAW. BUT THEN FINALLY WE ARE TO GET THAT DOCUMENT BACK TO
11 THE BOARD IN A SPECIFIED PERIOD OF TIME. IT COULD BE 45 TO 60
12 DAYS TO TAKE YET ANOTHER LOOK AT A DRAFT ORDINANCE AND PROVIDE
13 THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WHETHER OR NOT WE SET A SPECIFIC DATE
14 FOR AN ELECTION FOR THE CLEAN WATER, CLEAN BEACHES INITIATIVE.
15 NOW, HAVING SAID THAT, IT WOULD BE MY VIEW THAT THE MOTIONS
16 THAT HAVE BEEN BROUGHT BEFORE US CAN BE ENTERTAINED PURSUANT
17 TO THE DESIRES OF THE RESPECTIVE MAKERS OF THOSE MOTIONS. BUT
18 IN TERMS OF ANY ACTION, THE ONLY THINGS THAT I THINK WOULD BE
19 CONSISTENT WITH THAT WHICH I'M SUGGESTING WOULD BE REPORT
20 BACKS. ANYTHING THAT WOULD ALTER OR PRE-EMPT THE ACTION ITEMS
21 THAT I JUST DELINEATED, THAT IS THE TALLYING, THAT IS THE
22 CLOSING OF THE HEARING, THAT IS THE APPROPRIATE REDRAFTING,
23 THAT IS THE SUBMISSION FOR THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION OR
24 RECONSIDERATION, I WOULD THINK WOULD BE PREMATURE OR PRE-
25 EMPITIVE. I TRUST THAT WHICH I'VE SAID IS SUFFICIENTLY CLEAR;



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1 IF NOT, I WILL BE GLAD TO CLARIFY IT. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
2 THE MATTERS ARE BEFORE US, WHAT IS YOUR PLEASURE?

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, I THINK MY MOTION ADDRESSES YOUR
5 ISSUES, IT'S A REPORT BACK.

6

7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. TO THE EXTENT THAT
8 IT'S INTERPRETED AS A REPORT BACK, THAT'S FINE. PERHAPS I WILL
9 HAVE COUNTY COUNSEL OPINE ON THAT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
10 KNABE. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE ONE SUBSTANTIVE DIFFERENCE, MR.
13 CHAIRMAN, BETWEEN WHAT YOU'RE PROPOSING AND WHAT MR. KNABE
14 PROPOSED IS YOU'RE PROPOSING TO CLOSE THE PROTEST HEARING. I
15 THINK WE NEED TO DO THAT.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NO DEBATE.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT DOESN'T PRECLUDE PUBLIC TESTIMONY AT A
20 SUBSEQUENT DATE. SO IT'S A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT. LET ME JUST
21 SPEAK TO THIS BRIEFLY. AND THANK YOU FOR A GOOD JOB ON
22 CONDUCTING THIS HEARING TODAY, MR. CHAIRMAN. IT'S A LOT OF
23 FUN, ISN'T IT? CAN I GET THE STAFF UP HERE? JUST IN CASE
24 ANYTHING COMES UP, MARK PESTRELLA, JUST IN CASE ANYTHING COMES
25 UP. THERE'S BEEN A LOT SAID ABOUT THIS TODAY. AND I FOUND --



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1 AND A LOT OF IT'S BEEN VALID AND A LOT OF THIS INPUT HAS BEEN
2 PROVIDED OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS, IF NOT LONGER. AND THERE'S
3 BEEN A LOT OF WORK DONE BY THE STAFF AND BY OUR COLLECTIVE
4 STAFFS TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT WHERE WE GO. WHAT IS CLEAR IS THAT
5 THIS IS NOT READY FOR PRIME TIME. THERE ARE TOO MANY
6 QUESTIONS, NOT ONLY AMONG MEMBERS --

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY HAS THE
9 FLOOR. PROCEED.

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11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** JUST TO RESTART. WE HAD A LOT OF THESE
12 COMMENTS OVER THE PERIOD OF THE LAST SEVERAL WEEKS. MANY OF
13 THEM ARE VERY LEGITIMATE. THE ONE THING THAT I THINK NEEDS TO
14 BE ADDRESSED VERY CLEARLY AND VERY TRANSPARENTLY IS IF WE PUT
15 A MATTER ON THE BALLOT, ON THE REGULAR ELECTION BALLOT, THE
16 ODDS ARE IT WOULD BE A PARCEL TAX. I DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE A
17 SALES TAX. THE ONLY OTHER TAX AVAILABLE TO US IS A PARCEL TAX
18 AS WE DID IN MEASURE B IN 2002 AND IN 1997 WITH THE FIRE
19 DEPARTMENT. SO WHETHER WE DO IT THIS WAY OR THAT WAY, IT'S
20 GOING TO BE A PROPERTY TAX. NOW THE QUESTION, OR A TAX ON
21 PROPERTY IN SOME FASHION. THE QUESTION OF IS IT FAIR IS A
22 LEGITIMATE QUESTION. THE VERY SAME PEOPLE WHO ARGUE AGAINST A
23 PROPERTY TAX BECAUSE ONLY PROPERTY OWNERS WILL PAY FOR THEM,
24 WHEN WE PUT IT ON A GENERAL BALLOT PEOPLE COME TO US AND SAY
25 PEOPLE WHO DON'T OWN PROPERTY ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO IMPOSE



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1 THEIR WILL ON PEOPLE WHO DO AND IT'S THE PEOPLE WHO DO OWN
2 PROPERTY WHO ARE GOING TO BE THE ONES WHO ARE GOING TO PAY FOR
3 IT. SO THERE WAS AN ARGUMENT THAT SAID WELL THAT THE INCREASES
4 WERE GOING TO BE PASSED ALONG IN THE RENT, TO RENTERS, SO
5 RENTERS WOULD PAY. BUT TODAY YOU HEARD FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF
6 THE APARTMENT HOUSE INDUSTRY THAT THEY WILL NOT BE ABLE TO
7 PASS THEIR RENT, THEIR COST INCREASES AS A RESULT OF THIS TO
8 THEIR RENTERS. SO THERE'S A LOT OF INFORMATION AND THERE'S A
9 LOT OF MISINFORMATION. PROPERTY OWNERS, WHAT WAS THE
10 STATISTIC, GAIL? 30 PERCENT OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS IN THIS
11 COUNTY NOT REGISTERED VOTERS. AND THEY ALSO OUGHT TO HAVE AN
12 OPPORTUNITY TO DECIDE WHETHER THEY'RE GOING TO BE TAXED OR
13 NOT. PHILOSOPHICALLY I'VE ALWAYS BELIEVED WHEN YOU TAX
14 PROPERTY OWNERS, YOU ACTUALLY MAKE IT MORE LIKELY THAT THE
15 THING WILL FAIL BECAUSE ONLY THE PEOPLE WHO ARE GOING PAY ARE
16 THE ONES -- OR THE PEOPLE WHO KNOW THEY'RE GOING TO PAY, IN
17 THIS CASE KNOW EXACTLY HOW MUCH THEY'RE GOING TO PAY, THERE'S
18 A DISPROPORTIONATE TENDENCY FOR THOSE PEOPLE TO VOTE AGAINST
19 ASSESSING THEMSELVES UNLESS IT'S SOMETHING VERY UNIQUE. THE
20 OTHER THING THAT I THOUGHT WAS INTERESTING TODAY IS THE NUMBER
21 OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND CITIES, INCLUDING CITIES THAT WE HAVE
22 WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH, WHO DID NOT COME TO SUPPORT BUT CAME
23 TO OPPOSE, EVEN AFTER WE ACCOMMODATED THEM IN SO MANY
24 DIFFERENT WAYS. AND THAT'S FAIR ENOUGH BECAUSE THERE ARE A LOT
25 OF QUESTIONS THAT I HAVE, TOO, AND I'M SURE THAT QUESTIONS



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1 HAVE COME UP IN THE CONTEXT OF THIS DISCUSSION, AS WELL. BUT
2 AS IT WAS MENTIONED EARLIER, IF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DECIDES
3 TO GO AFTER PEOPLE, PROPERTY OWNERS WHO ARE VIOLATING FEDERAL
4 WATER QUALITY REGULATIONS OR STATE WATER QUALITY REGULATIONS,
5 THOSE VERY INSTITUTIONS HAVE A BULL'S EYE ON THEM AS WELL AS
6 WE DO, ISN'T THAT CORRECT? YOU CAN SPEAK UP.

7

8 **MARK PESTRELLA:** THAT'S CORRECT.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLQAVSKY:** SO THE L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT OR THE
11 GLENDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT COULD END UP BEING FINED BY A FEDERAL
12 REGULATORY AGENCY OR BY A STATE REGULATORY AGENCY IF THEY ARE
13 DEEMED TO BE -- IF THE BOOK IS THROWN AT US OVER THE COURSE OF
14 THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS. SO WHETHER THEY PAY THIS WAY OR THAT
15 WAY, THE ODDS ARE THEY'RE GOING TO PAY ONE WAY OR THE OTHER.
16 WE'RE TRYING TO DO IT IN A WAY THAT WE CAN CONTROL AND NOT
17 SOME COURT OR FEDERAL REGULATORY AGENCY. HAVING SAID THAT, ONE
18 OF THE THINGS I'D LIKE YOU TO LOOK AT IN THE CONTEXT OF DON
19 KNABE'S MOTION AND THE CHAIR'S MOTION IS TO LOOK AT WAYS -- I
20 THINK IT'S ADDRESSED IN DON'S MOTION TO SOME DEGREE, HOW WE
21 CAN CREDIT PEOPLE, NOT JUST SCHOOLS, BUT ANYBODY, ANY PROPERTY
22 OWNER WHO MAY HAVE ALREADY INVESTED MONEY TO CLEAN UP THEIR
23 WATER RUNOFF THAT WOULD EFFECTIVELY REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF --
24 THE EQUIVALENT OF THEIR IMPERMEABILITY OR INCREASE THE AMOUNT
25 OF THEIR PERMEABILITY SO THAT THEY WOULDN'T HAVE TO PAY TWICE.



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1 IF I HAVE DONE SOMETHING TO RECYCLE MY WATER IN MY HOUSE, THEN
2 I SHOULDN'T GET THE STANDARD \$54 FEE OR WHATEVER IT IS ON MY
3 HOUSE. I SHOULD GET CREDIT FOR THAT. IF A SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS
4 GONE TO GREAT LENGTHS TO DO THE SAME THING, THEY COULD GET
5 THOUSANDS AND TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS OF CREDIT OR MORE
6 IF THEY'VE DONE IT. YOU'VE GOT TO COME BACK TO US WITH A
7 MECHANISM BY WHICH THAT COULD BE DONE AND A MECHANISM BY WHICH
8 YOU COULD RATIONALLY IDENTIFY WHETHER THEY HAVE DONE IT OR
9 NOT. THE NOTION THAT THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT OR THE FLOOD
10 CONTROL DISTRICT WOULD HAVE TO RUN AROUND LOOKING AT TWO
11 MILLION DIFFERENT PIECES OF PROPERTY IS A LITTLE DAUNTING. BUT
12 MAYBE THERE'S A WAY WE CAN DO THAT. THE OTHER THING THAT'S NOT
13 CLEAR TO THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC FROM THE INPUT I'VE GOTTEN
14 IS PEOPLE ARE NOT AWARE THAT THERE'S AN APPEALS PROCESS HERE.
15 IN FACT IT'S HARD TO FIND ANYTHING THAT SAYS THERE'S AN
16 APPEALS PROCESS UNTIL YOU GET INTO THE BOWELS OF THE REPORT. I
17 THINK THAT NEEDS TO BE COMMUNICATED LOUD AND CLEAR THAT THERE
18 IS AN APPEALS -- REGARDLESS IF THIS EVER GETS TO THE BALLOT OR
19 TO A MAIL BALLOT AND IF IT EVER GETS APPROVED, WHICH IS
20 DOUBTFUL AS WE SIT HERE TODAY, BUT IF IT EVER DID, THE PEOPLE
21 OUGHT TO KNOW THAT THERE'S AN APPEALS PROCESS, THAT THIS IS
22 NOT SOME PROCESS THAT'S BEING RUN BY FIAT, BY THE FIVE OF US
23 OR BY YOU. AND THAT THERE IS A LEGITIMATE, CREDIBLE APPEALS
24 PROCESS. AND THE LAST THING IS, WELL I THINK IT'S COVERED IN
25 DON'S MOTION, THE SUNSET IDEA IS A GOOD IDEA. AND I LIKE THE



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1 COMMENT THAT THE GENTLEMAN EARLY IN THE AFTERNOON OR LATE IN
2 THE MORNING SAID THAT HE WAS 75 YEARS OLD OR WHATEVER HE WAS
3 AND 30 YEARS WAS A LIFETIME TO HIM. 30 YEARS IS A LONG TIME.
4 AND I CERTAINLY THINK A SUNSET OF NO LONGER THAN 30 YEARS
5 WOULD MAKE SENSE. SO I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING THAT WE NEED TO
6 LOOK AT. ON THE ISSUE OF SPECIFIC PROJECTS, WHICH DON AND I
7 DEBATED ON THE RADIO THE OTHER DAY, WOULD YOU PLEASE ADDRESS -
8 - OH, ONE OTHER THING. THE ORDINANCE, I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S
9 IN YOUR MOTION, DON. BUT THE ORDINANCE THAT ACCOMPANIES THIS
10 NEEDS TO BE DONE BEFORE THIS GOES OUT TO A VOTE. THERE'S BEEN
11 A DEBATE ABOUT WHETHER THE ORDINANCE SHOULD BE BEFORE OR AFTER
12 IT GOES OUT TO A VOTE. THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO WAY I SUPPORT
13 ANYTHING LIKE THIS, AND I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU COULD. IF YOU
14 HAVE A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE BUT THE ORDINANCE THAT IMPLEMENTS IT
15 ONLY COMES AFTER THE VOTE, I MEAN, I WOULDN'T TRUST --

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY WHAT I
18 HAVE SUGGESTED IS THAT THE ORDINANCE COME TO THE BOARD EVEN
19 BEFORE SETTING AN ELECTION.

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21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S EVEN BETTER. BUT CERTAINLY BEFORE --
22 THE PUBLIC OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO -- THE VOTERS, WHOEVER THEY
23 ARE, OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO SEE THE ORDINANCE WHEN THEY'RE
24 VOTING, IF THEY SO CHOOSE. AND THE LAST THING I WANTED TO
25 MENTION IS I THINK I'VE COVERED IT, BUT IF THERE ARE ANY OTHER



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1 IDEAS THAT COME UP, I THINK THE FIVE OF US OUGHT TO BE FREE TO
2 SHARE THEM WITH YOU IN THE NEXT, IF IT'S 90 DAY, IN THE NEXT
3 90 DAYS. I WANT TO JUST BRING ONE THING TO EVERYBODY'S
4 ATTENTION ABOUT THE TIMING OF THIS, JUST SO WE KNOW WITH OPEN
5 EYES WHAT WE'RE FACED WITH. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT IF WE
6 DON'T VOTE ONE WAY OR THE OTHER TO VOTE TO PUT THIS ON THE
7 BALLOT BY THE END OF MAY OR BEGINNING OF JUNE, IS THAT ROUGHLY
8 CORRECT, THAT WE WILL HAVE TO START THIS PROCESS ALL OVER
9 AGAIN. THAT THERE'S NOT AN INFINITE AMOUNT OF TIME THAT'S
10 ALLOTTED TO US. TOM, YOU CAN CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG. THERE'S
11 NOT AN INFINITE AMOUNT OF TIME ALLOTTED TO US TO CONDUCT THESE
12 PUBLIC MEETINGS AND TO TAKE TESTIMONY AND TO CONTEMPLATE WHAT
13 WE'RE GOING TO DO. AND I THINK THE CONVENTIONAL WISDOM WAS IT
14 WAS ABOUT A YEAR, IS THAT CORRECT?

15

16 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR, IF THE INTENT OF THE
17 BOARD IS NOW TO CLOSE THE PROTEST HEARING TODAY, THEN THAT
18 PORTION OF THIS PROCESS HAS BEEN COMPLETED. AND THE NEXT
19 PROCESS IS TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT YOU ARE GOING TO CALL
20 AN ELECTION. AND YOU HAVE A GOOD AMOUNT OF TIME TO DO THAT.
21 FOR INSTANCE, IF THIS WERE TO BE A POLLING PLACE ELECTION OF
22 THE ELECTORATE, IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, THE DATES THAT YOU WOULD BE
23 CONSIDERING WOULD BE NEXT YEAR. SO THERE IS TIME. AND I DON'T
24 BELIEVE THAT YOU WOULD HAVE TO RESTART THE PROCESS.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TOM, THE QUESTION THAT I'M ASKING IS WHEN IS
2 THE TIME LIMIT BY WHICH WE HAVE TO MAKE THAT DECISION IF IT'S
3 A MAIL ELECTION, MAIL BALLOT ELECTION?

4

5 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** THERE IS NO LEGAL TIME LIMIT.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IF WE WAITED UNTIL AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER OF
8 THIS YEAR, A YEAR AND A HALF, OR A YEAR AFTER THE NOTICE HAD
9 GONE OUT, THAT WOULD BE OKAY?

10

11 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** WITH THE COMPLETION OF THE PROTEST
12 PROCESS, YES.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. THAT WAS NOT WHAT I WAS INFORMED
15 RECENTLY. BUT DO YOU WANT TO WEIGH IN ON THIS?

16

17 **MARK PESTRELLA:** I JUST THINK THE COUNCIL MIGHT MAKE IT CLEAR
18 REGARDING THE PROTEST HEARING AND ITS CONCLUSION AND THE
19 TIMELINE THERE, I THINK THE SUPERVISOR MAY BE ASKING THAT.

20

21 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** YES. IF THIS PROTEST HEARING WERE TO
22 BE CONTINUED FOR A SIGNIFICANT PERIOD OF TIME, THAT WOULD BE
23 OF A CONCERN. IF YOUR INTENT IS TO CLOSE THE PROTEST HEARING
24 OR TO PROVIDE FOR EVEN A SHORT CONTINUANCE OF THE PROTEST



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1 HEARING, 90 DAYS, THAT WOULD NOT BE PROBLEMATIC. THE OVERALL
2 PROCESS.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** CLARIFICATION. IT WOULD BE OF
5 CONCERN BECAUSE OF A LEGAL VULNERABILITY?

6

7 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** YES. AFTER A WHILE, YOU RUN INTO A
8 STALENESS ISSUE THAT THE PROCESS HAS BEEN STARTED AND HAS NOT
9 BEEN PURSUED TO ITS COMPLETION. SO THAT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE THE
10 PEOPLE SUBJECT TO THE PROTEST HEARING OR THE ELECTION BECOME
11 DIFFERENT PEOPLE. NOT THE SAME PROPERTY OWNERS.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** IF I MAY. I THINK IT'S REALLY
14 IMPORTANT THAT OUR PALMS ARE UP ON THIS AND THAT WE NOT INVITE
15 ANY LEGAL CHALLENGES ONTO OUR OWN VULNERABILITY RELATED TO
16 HAVING NOT PAID ATTENTION TO HOW WE SHOULD PROCEED. FROM MY
17 POINT OF VIEW, IF IN FACT WE WERE TO CLOSE THE HEARING, WHICH
18 I THINK WOULD BE IN ORDER, THE FACT THAT WE ARE UNDER NO
19 SPECIFIC TIME PRESSURE TO SET A DATE FOR AN ELECTION, I WOULD
20 TRUST THAT THAT WOULD BE SUFFICIENT GIVEN THE FACT THAT WE CAN
21 HAVE OTHER PUBLIC HEARINGS TO GET INPUT TO SHAPE WHAT WE MIGHT
22 ULTIMATELY ADOPT BY WAY OF AN ORDINANCE.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH. AND THAT WAS MY -- I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT
25 REMEMBERING THAT LITTLE SNIPPET. THAT WAS MY CONCERN, THAT WE



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1 CLOSE THE PROTEST HEARING. BECAUSE IF WE DON'T, THEN WE'RE
2 GOING TO HAVE ANOTHER HEARING LIKE THIS IN 90 DAYS. AND THERE
3 WILL BE ANOTHER SET OF ISSUES. AND THEN IT WILL GET PUT OVER
4 INTO THE SUMMER. AND IT WILL KILL IT. IT WILL MOOT THE DEBATE.
5 AND WE ALL KNOW HOW THAT WORKS. SO WE CAN STILL KILL IT. IF
6 THREE PEOPLE ON THIS BOARD, IF WE CLOSE THE PROTEST HEARING
7 AND CONTINUE IT 90 DAYS AS DON HAS SUGGESTED, HAVE A HEARING
8 BUT ONE WOULD -- WHICH WOULD BE A CONVENTIONAL PUBLIC HEARING
9 HERE AND THEN DECIDE WHETHER WE WANT TO PURSUE IT, NOT PURSUE
10 IT, POSTPONE IT OR DEEP 6 IT.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** AND, FRANKLY, THE SAME ISSUES
13 CAN BE RAISED IN THAT CONTEXT.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ABSOLUTELY. THE ONLY THING THAT NOT CLOSING
16 THE PROTEST HEARING DOES IS IT PUTS US IN A LEGAL
17 VULNERABILITY THAT MAY START US ALL OVER AGAIN. THIS PROCESS
18 HAS COST US MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. THE MAILING ALONE AS I
19 UNDERSTAND WAS A \$3 MILLION MAILING. ALL IN. AND IF WE COULD
20 AVOID DOING THAT A SECOND TIME, I THINK IT WOULD BE WELL
21 ADVISED. AND WE LOSE NOTHING BY IT OTHER THAN MINIMIZING THE
22 LEGAL VULNERABILITY.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** AND I THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE TO
25 ALLAY ANY CONCERNS ABOUT WHAT'S LOST WITH CLOSING THE PROTEST



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1 HEARING. I WOULD HOPE THAT IF IN FACT THERE IS CONSENSUS
2 GARNERED TODAY THAT WE WOULD COMMIT OURSELVES TO THE
3 APPROPRIATE PUBLIC HEARINGS PURSUANT TO THE REVISED
4 ORDINANCES, THAT WOULD SUFFICE. IN OTHER WORDS, THERE WILL BE
5 OPPORTUNITY FOR ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT TO THE EXTENT WE
6 DEEM IT APPROPRIATE, I'M PREPARED TO SPECIFY THAT AS A PART OF
7 THE INSTRUCTIONS THAT THE BOARD WOULD ADOPT AND THAT WOULD BE
8 KINDRED TO WHAT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOTH SUPERVISOR
9 ANTONOVICH AND KNABE. SIR.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** MY QUESTION WOULD BE TO COUNTY COUNSEL. I'VE
12 WAVERING RIGHT NOW ON CLOSING THE PROTEST HEARING. I WANT TO
13 MAKE SURE IN MY MOTION AND IN THE OTHER COMMENTS THAT
14 EVERYONE'S MADE, THERE IS A POTENTIAL OF SIGNIFICANT CHANGES
15 TO WHAT'S BEFORE US AND WHAT'S BEEN PRESENTED. AND I WOULD NOT
16 WANT TO BE PRECLUDED IN THAT 90-DAY PERIOD FROM -- I WOULDN'T
17 WANT THEM TO SAY TO ME, I'VE ALREADY GOT A PROBLEM WITH
18 SPENDING \$3 MILLION TO MAIL A PROTEST HEARING CHRISTMAS CARD.
19 I DO NOT WANT THEM TO SAY TO ME, WELL YOU ALREADY CLOSED THE
20 PROTEST HEARING, THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO AT THIS POINT. I
21 MEAN, WHEN YOU ADDRESS THE ISSUES OF GIVING CREDITS, WHEN YOU
22 ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF A BALLOT, WHEN YOU ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF A
23 SUNSET DATE, ALL THOSE THINGS ARE DIFFERENT THAN WHAT WE HAVE
24 BEFORE US TODAY. SO IF WE CLOSE THE PROTEST HEARING TODAY, THE
25 SIX ITEMS IN MY MOTION, CAN EVERY ONE OF THOSE -- I MEAN



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1 SHOULD THAT COME BACK? WITH THE PROTEST HEARING CLOSED? CAN WE
2 IMPLEMENT THAT WITHOUT ANOTHER PROTEST HEARING?

3

4 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** IT WOULD DEPEND, SUPERVISOR, ON THE
5 SIGNIFICANCE AND MATERIALITY OF THE CHANGES TO THE OVERALL
6 PROGRAM.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU CAN SEE -- DON'T SAY IT DEPENDS. YOU CAN SEE
9 THE SIX RIGHT HERE ON MY MOTION. SO ARE THOSE SIGNIFICANT? I
10 DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM KEEPING THE PROTEST HEARING OPEN IF
11 THAT'S GOING TO ALLOW US TO LOOK AT THOSE THINGS. I DON'T WANT
12 TO CLOSE THE PROTEST HEARING AND SAY, "YOU CAN'T LOOK AT THESE
13 THINGS," OR "YOU CAN'T DO IT."

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, I DON'T KNOW WHY IF IN
16 FACT WE ARE GENERALLY RECEPTIVE TO REVISIONS, AND I THINK ALL
17 OF US IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER ACKNOWLEDGE THERE MUST BE
18 REDRAFTING OF THE ORDINANCE AS IT IS BEFORE US.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, BECAUSE IT'S JUST NOT READY FOR PRIME TIME.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I, WELL I GET THAT. BUT IF IN
23 FACT WE ARE UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT IT CAN BE REDRAFTED, IF
24 REVISIONS ARE APPROPRIATE, I DON'T KNOW WHY IT WOULD BE
25 ASSUMED THAT ANYTHING WOULD BE OFF THE TABLE, PER SE. AND IT



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1 ESSENTIALLY REDUCES ITSELF TO THE REQUISITE VOTES FOR IT TO BE
2 ADOPTED BY THE BOARD. IT COMES BACK. THE ONLY THING THAT I
3 THINK THAT IS PROBLEMATIC ABOUT THE SIX ITEMS IS, NUMBER ONE,
4 SUPERVISOR KNABE, BECAUSE THAT ESSENTIALLY EXTENDS THE PROTEST
5 PERIOD. AND I THINK WHATEVER OBJECTIONS PEOPLE HAVE, THEY ARE
6 APPROPRIATELY COMMUNICATED THROUGH THE GIVE-AND-TAKE AND
7 EXCHANGE INFORMALLY AND THEN ULTIMATELY FORMALLY IN THE
8 CONTEXT OF PUBLIC HEARINGS.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, ON THIS QUESTION THAT YOU JUST
11 RAISED.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF WE HAD DECIDED TODAY THAT WE WERE READY
16 TO VOTE ON THIS, WHAT WOULD WE HAVE DONE? WE WOULD HAVE CLOSED
17 THE PROTEST HEARING, CORRECT?

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** YES.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND THEN WE WOULD HAVE ALL PUT IN OUR
22 AMENDMENTS. WE WOULD HAVE SAID WE'D LIKE A SUNSET DATE, WE'D
23 LIKE THIS, THAT AND THE OTHER THING, SIX, TEN THINGS THAT CAME
24 OUT OF THIS HEARING, CORRECT?

25



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1 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** THAT'S CORRECT.

2

3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE? I MEAN, I'M REALLY
4 SURPRISED TO HEAR YOU SAY THIS, AND I'M NOT SURE YOU'VE SAID
5 IT. BUT WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE IF WE CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING
6 TODAY AND DO THE SAME THING 45 DAYS FROM NOW OR 90 DAYS FROM
7 NOW?

8

9 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M SAYING.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** BIT WAIT A MINUTE. WE CAN DO
12 THAT. CLOSE THE HEARING AND MAKE THE APPROPRIATE --

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF CLOSING THE HEARING?

15

16 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** CLOSING THE PUBLIC PROTEST HEARING
17 COMPLETES THIS PORTION OF THE PROCESS. IT ENDS THE THRESHOLD
18 PART OF THE PROP. 218 PROCESS, WHICH IF THERE WAS OVERWHELMING
19 OPPOSITION TO THIS MEASURE, THEN THE PROCESS CANNOT CONTINUE.
20 IF THERE IS NOT A MAJORITY PROTEST, THEN THE PROCESS CAN
21 CONTINUE. IT IS WITHIN THE DISCRETION OF YOUR BOARD, HOWEVER,
22 TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT ULTIMATELY YOU ARE GOING TO CALL
23 AN ELECTION. IN TERMS OF SUPERVISOR KNABE'S CONCERN OVER
24 KEEPING THE PROTEST HEARING OPEN, THAT WOULD NOT CHANGE THE
25 ABILITY TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES. IN FACT, AND MY POINT WAS



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1 THAT IF THERE WERE SIGNIFICANT, MATERIAL CHANGES TO THE
2 OVERALL PROGRAM, THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO LOOK TO SEE IF THAT
3 WOULD REQUIRE STARTING A NEW PROCESS. BECAUSE THE PROTEST,
4 THIS PROTEST HEARING WAS BASED UPON A CERTAIN PROPOSED
5 PROGRAM. IF THAT PROGRAM MATERIALLY CHANGES, THEN YOU MAY NEED
6 TO RESTART THE PROCESS. BUT KEEPING THE PROTEST HEARING OPEN
7 WOULD NOT IMPACT THAT DECISION. BUT THAT DECISION REALLY CAN'T
8 BE MADE UNTIL WE SEE WHAT THE PROPOSAL IS.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** SO THEN WE CAN'T CLOSE IT?

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TODAY WE JUST RECEIVED FROM CALTRANS, THE
15 STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THEY OPPOSE IT. AND
16 THEY'RE SAYING THAT IT'S NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR CALTRANS TO PAY
17 THIS ASSESSMENT. THEY JUST SENT -- THEY DIDN'T RECEIVE
18 INFORMATION. THEY ARE OPPOSING IT. HOW MANY OTHERS HAVE NOT
19 RECEIVED INFORMATION AND DID NOT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF
20 SENDING IN THEIR BALLOT TO SAY NO? THEY GET A HOT DOG
21 CONSULTING FIRM LOBBYIST TO GO OUT AND HUSTLE THE SCHOOLS AND
22 HAVE ONE BALLOT BOX AT THE HALL OF ADMINISTRATION, TELL THE
23 PEOPLE FROM CATALINA YOU CAN TAKE A BOAT OVER HERE AND DROP IT
24 OR LOOK FOR AN ENVELOPE AND MAYBE MAIL IT BACK. WHEN WE SEND
25 OUT AN ABSENTEE, OR I SHOULD SAY INFORMATION ON AN ELECTION,



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1 THERE'S 9 LANGUAGES YOU CAN CHECK OFF FOR A BALLOT IN YOUR
2 LANGUAGE. THEY DIDN'T HAVE THAT ON THIS ONE. THEY HAD ONE
3 LITTLE, VERY SMALL LINE, FINE PRINT ABOUT SPANISH. BUT WHAT
4 ABOUT DID YOU CROSS-REFERENCE TO THE OTHER VOTERS RELATIVE TO
5 HAVING THAT INFORMATION IN THEIR LANGUAGE SO THEY COULD VOTE
6 INTELLIGENTLY ON THIS ISSUE? SO THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO
7 DIDN'T RECEIVE THE BALLOT, AZUSA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY DID NOT
8 RECEIVE THIS. MY CHIEF OF STAFF DID NOT RECEIVE THIS MAILING.
9 AND THERE ARE OTHERS THAT WE'VE HEARD WHO DID NOT RECEIVE THIS
10 MAILING. SO THE RESULT THAT YOU'D BE ANNOUNCING IS A FLAWED
11 SYSTEM. NOT EVERYBODY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF VOTING BECAUSE
12 THEY DIDN'T RECEIVE IT. AND THOSE BECAUSE IT WAS A FLAWED
13 SYSTEM FOR \$3 MILLION WHERE A MASS MAILING THAT PEOPLE GOT
14 CONFUSED AND THREW AWAY IS NOT A FAIR TALLY THAT WE'RE GOING
15 RECEIVE TODAY WHEN YOU TALLY THE VOTES.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU CONFUSED THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
20 CALTRANS?

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I DON'T THINK THAT SHOULD BE A
23 GOOD -- NO, NO, YOU DON'T WANT TO USE THAT AS YOUR TEST OF
24 WHETHER OR NOT --

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK I'M GOING TO HAVE TO STICK BY MY MOTION OF
2 90 DAYS AND NOT CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. BECAUSE I DON'T WANT
3 ANY LIMITATIONS TO WHAT WE CAN OR CAN'T DO. UP TO AND
4 INCLUDING.

5

6 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR, I DIDN'T MAKE MYSELF
7 CLEAR. CLOSING THE PUBLIC HEARING WOULD NOT IMPACT ADDRESSING
8 THE OTHER ISSUES IN YOUR MOTION. WHAT I AM TRYING TO CONVEY IS
9 THAT IF IN FACT THE PROGRAM MATERIALLY CHANGED TO A POINT
10 WHERE WE DETERMINED THAT WE SHOULD RESTART THE PROTEST
11 PROCESS, THAT MIGHT NEED TO OCCUR. HOWEVER, KEEPING THE
12 PROTEST PROCESS OPEN WOULD NOT RESOLVE THAT ISSUE.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GIVE US AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT WOULD BE MATERIAL
15 CHANGE.

16

17 **MARK PESTRELLA:** I THINK I COULD PROVIDE CLARIFICATION SIR.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GO AHEAD.

20

21 **MARK PESTRELLA:** I THINK I CAN HELP TOM A LITTLE BIT. THE
22 PROGRAM ITSELF, THE OBJECTIVE OF THE MEASURE WOULD NOT CHANGE.
23 WE WOULD BE STILL TREATING FOR STORM WATER QUALITY, ATTEMPTING
24 TO INCREASE OUR DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES. THAT WOULD NOT
25 CHANGE. WHAT WOULD CHANGE, BASED ON THE MOTION, IS WE WOULD



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1 LOOK AT THE DRAFT ORDINANCE AND HOW WE IMPLEMENT THAT MEASURE,
2 THE SERVICE WE PROPOSE TO PROVIDE TO THE COMMUNITY THAT WE'RE
3 SOLICITING WHETHER THEY WANT THE SERVICE. SO THERE WOULD BE NO
4 SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN WHAT WE'RE ATTEMPTING TO MEET THE GOALS
5 OF THE PROGRAM. WE DON'T ENVISION THAT EVEN WITH ALL THE INPUT
6 WE GOT TODAY AND THE INPUT WE'VE RECEIVED UP TO THIS POINT.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** I MEAN, YOU COULD REDUCE THE AMOUNT THAT YOU NEED
9 SIGNIFICANTLY.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** ABSOLUTELY. WHAT'S THE EXAMPLE? I DIDN'T HEAR IT.
12 DID YOU GIVE THE EXAMPLE?

13

14 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR, AN EXAMPLE WOULD BE AN
15 INCREASE IN THE FEE.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** WHICH YOU WOULD HAVE TO DO IF YOU WAIVED ANYBODY
18 ELSE'S.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NOT NECESSARILY.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** IF IT'S UP 22 CENTS, IT'S AN INCREASE.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT IF IT'S DOWN 35.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT WOULD BE CHANGE.

2

3 **SUP. KNABE:** NEW HEARING? I MEAN IF THE AMOUNT IS REDUCED BASED
4 UPON PROJECTS -- EXCUSE ME? (OFF MIC COMMENTS).

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND.

7

8 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** A REDUCTION IN THE FEE WOULD NOT BE
9 PROBLEMATIC. AN INCREASE IN THE PROPOSED FEE AMOUNT FOR
10 PROPERTY OWNERS WOULD BE PROBLEMATIC BECAUSE THAT IS A PART OF
11 THE NOTICE THAT THEY RECEIVED FOR THE PROTEST HEARING.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I WOULD RECOMMEND THEN IF THERE AREN'T
16 SUFFICIENT VOTES TO CLOSE THE PROTEST HEARING THAT WE -- THAT
17 YOU WOULD ENTERTAIN THAT THE 90 DAYS BE CUT BACK TO 60 DAYS,
18 SO AT LEAST IT GIVES US SOME CUSHION, SOME FLEXIBILITY, GOING
19 LATER INTO THE SPRING.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** NOT CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING BUT WE CAN REDUCE 90
22 TO 60 DAYS SO YOU DO HAVE A SHOT AT IT, BUT WE STILL CAN DO IT
23 UP OR DOWN.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT WOULD MAKE ME MORE COMFORTABLE.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THE MATTER IS BEFORE
3 US.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, COULD I JUST? I JUST WANT TO
6 MAKE SURE WE INVITE THE STAFF. IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT TO
7 SAY ABOUT WHAT WE'RE ABOUT TO DO OR ANYTHING ELSE? BEFORE WE
8 DO IT?

9

10 **GAIL FARBER:** I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS
11 OF THE BOARD. I AGREE THERE HAS BEEN SOME CONFUSION ABOUT
12 TODAY'S PUBLIC PROTEST HEARING. AND AS OUR STAFF LAID OUT IN
13 THE BEGINNING AS COUNTY COUNSEL LAID OUT IN THE BEGINNING,
14 THIS IS A TWO-STEP PROCESS. OUR STAFF MOVED FORWARD, DIRECTED
15 BY THE BOARD IN JULY, TO MOVE FORWARD WITH STEP 1 WITH A
16 MAILED BALLOT IN ORDER TO BRING FORTH THIS PROTEST HEARING,
17 WORKING CLOSELY WITH COUNTY COUNSEL, WORKING WITH THE
18 ASSESSOR'S OFFICE, WORKING WITH THE REGISTRAR-RECORDER AND ALL
19 OUR COUNTY FAMILY PARTNERS TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THAT OUTREACH,
20 ALSO DIRECTED US TO OUTREACH IN ADDITION TO THE SCHOOLS AND
21 MANY OF THESE THINGS. WE FEEL WE'VE COMPLIED WITH THE LETTER
22 OF THE LAW. WE'VE GONE ABOVE AND BEYOND WITH RESPECT TO BEING
23 RESPONSIVE, TO DOING AS MUCH OUTREACH AS POSSIBLE. WE AREN'T
24 DONE, AS YOU'VE MENTIONED. WE STILL OWE TO COME BACK TO THE
25 BOARD WITH STEP 2, WITH A DRAFT ORDINANCE WHICH OUTLINES A LOT



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1 OF THESE, THAT ADDRESSES A LOT OF THE CONCERNS THAT WE'RE
2 HEARING AND THE INPUT WITH RESPECT TO SUNSET CLAUSE WITH
3 RESPECT TO CREDITS, WITH RESPECT TO THE SCHOOLS, WITH RESPECT
4 TO BUSINESSES AND ALL THEIR INTERESTS. WE'VE BEEN MEETING
5 DAILY AND REGULARLY. AND WE DO HAVE -- WE DO BELIEVE WE WILL
6 BE READY IN THE NEXT 45 DAYS OR SO WITH A DRAFT ORDINANCE THAT
7 WE CAN PUT OUT THERE FOR PRIME TIME FOR PUBLIC INPUT. IT DOES
8 COME BACK TO THE BOARD.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** INCLUDING WITH THE COMMENTS THAT ARE
11 CONTAINED IN THE VARIOUS MOTIONS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE?

12

13 **GAIL FARBER:** CORRECT. INCLUDING WHAT'S CONTAINED IN YOUR
14 MOTIONS WITH RESPECT --

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** INCLUDING THE BALLOT BOX VERSUS A MAIL-IN BALLOT?

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S OUR DECISION TO MAKE.

19

20 **GAIL FARBER:** RIGHT. THAT GETS CONSIDERED BY YOUR BOARD ON HOW
21 YOU WISH TO PROCEED.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND INCLUDING AN OPPOSITION STATEMENT FOR THE
24 PUBLIC?

25



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1 **GAIL FARBER:** WELL, IT DEPENDS ON WHICH WAY THE BOARD --

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO YOU ARE TRYING TO PUT IN A BALLOT WITHOUT
4 THE ABILITY TO PUT AN OPPOSITION STATEMENT TO BE INCLUDED AS
5 YOU DO WITH ANY OTHER BALLOT PROPOSITION. SO IT WAS A ONE-
6 SIDED PROPOSAL. YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO PRESENT A PRO AND CON
7 STATEMENT ON ANY BALLOT WHERE YOU ARE REQUESTING AN INCREASE
8 IN FEES.

9

10 **GAIL FARBER:** AND AGAIN THAT'S THE PROP 218 QUESTION ABOUT
11 WHAT'S THE COUNTY PRACTICE, OF WHICH I WOULD DEFER TO OUR
12 COUNTY COUNSEL ON WHAT HAD TO BE OBTAINED IN THE MAILING.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT SHOULD BE A PRACTICE REGARDLESS. THAT
15 SHOULD BE YOUR FIRST PRIORITY TO HAVE PUBLIC INPUT ON BOTH
16 SIDES OF AN ISSUE IF WE'RE GOING TO ASK TO VOTE FOR A TAX
17 INCREASE.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THAT SOUNDS REASONABLE,
20 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. AT THIS POINT IN TIME THE CHAIR WISHES
21 FOR US TO MOVE FORWARD. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, IF YOU WOULD
22 SPECIFY WHAT'S BEFORE US AFTER SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAS BEEN
23 HEARD.

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU, SIR.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES, MA'AM.

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4 **SUP. MOLINA:** YOU KNOW, I HAVE SAT HERE THROUGH ALL OF IT AND I
5 HAVE BEEN WATCHING THIS THING FOR A WHILE. AND I'M AS TORN AS
6 PROBABLY ANYONE WITH REGARD TO THIS SITUATION. I UNDERSTAND
7 WHAT WE'RE UP AGAINST AND WHAT WE NEED TO DO. I JUST DON'T
8 THINK THAT WHERE WE'RE GOING IS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. ONE OF
9 THE BIGGEST PROBLEMS AS ELECTED OFFICIALS AND PEOPLE THAT
10 REPRESENT OTHER FOLKS IS THAT WE HAVE UNBELIEVABLE DECISIONS
11 TO MAKE. AND AS WE MAKE THOSE DECISIONS, WE HAVE TO BE AS
12 INFORMED AS POSSIBLE. AND I THINK WE SHOULD FEEL PASSIONATE
13 ABOUT OUR DECISIONS. I HAVE COLLEAGUES HERE THAT WOULDN'T VOTE
14 A TAX ON A GOOD DAY WITH EVERYTHING WELL DONE. AND THERE ARE
15 OTHERS THAT, YOU KNOW, WOULD BECAUSE IF THEY FEEL STRONGLY
16 ABOUT THE ISSUE. I AM HESITANT. I THINK THAT ONE OF THE
17 BIGGEST PROBLEMS WE'VE HAD WITH OUR TAXES, STARTING WAY BACK
18 BEFORE MR. JARVIS GOT INVOLVED WITH THE PROPERTY TAXES IS
19 SOMEHOW WE'RE NOT LEVELING WITH THE PUBLIC. I THINK EVERYBODY
20 RESPECTS -- CAN RESPECT GOVERNMENT. I THINK EVERYBODY CAN
21 RESPECT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES TO PROPERTY TAXES AND ALL
22 THAT'S ASSOCIATED WITH IT. AND YOU CAN EVEN RESPECT THE
23 RESPONSIBILITIES THAT THE LEGISLATURE, WITH REGULATORY BOARDS
24 LIKE THE WATER BOARD AND RESPONSIBILITIES THAT THE COURTS HAVE
25 PLACED ON ALL OF US COLLECTIVELY TO CARRY OUT THIS IMPORTANT



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1 ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY. WHAT HAPPENED IS THAT SOMEWHERE
2 IN THAT PROCESS THIS HAS BEEN TURNED OVER -- AND I DON'T MEAN
3 TO BE DISRESPECTFUL -- TO A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO PROBABLY
4 DIDN'T UNDERSTAND HOW SENSITIVE THE POLITICAL ISSUES ARE HERE.
5 AND IF THEY DID, YOU WOULDN'T KNOW BY TODAY'S EVENTS. I WAS AS
6 TROUBLED AS ANYONE BY THE MAILER. I AM ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE
7 THAT DID THROW IT OUT IN MY JUNK MAIL. I WENT LOOKING FOR IT.
8 AND SO I FOUND IT AMONGST MY MOTHER'S THINGS, WHO SAVES
9 EVERYTHING AND TRIES TO READ EVERYTHING. BUT WHEN I ASKED HER
10 ABOUT IT, SHE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT IT WAS BECAUSE SHE READS IN
11 SPANISH. AND I WAS TROUBLED BY THAT PART OF IT. SOMEWHERE
12 ALONG THE WAY THEY MADE DECISIONS ABOUT HOW THIS WAS GOING TO
13 BE CARRIED OUT. AND VERY, VERY LITTLE DISCUSSION WITH MY
14 COLLEAGUES HERE BECAUSE I KNOW THEY WERE EQUALLY AS SURPRISED
15 BY SOME OF THESE THINGS. I STILL AM NOT EVEN SURE, WHEN I READ
16 SOME OF IT ABOUT THE SCHOOLS PROTESTING THIS, YOU KNOW, I'M AS
17 ANGRY AS ANYONE. WE DON'T WANT THE SCHOOLS TO PAY MORE. BUT
18 THE SCHOOLS ARE MAJOR POLLUTERS. LET'S FACE IT. YOU EVEN MADE
19 ARRANGEMENTS WITH THEM TO SAY, OKAY, WE'LL WAIVE THE FEE IF
20 YOU'LL GET INVOLVED IN SOME PROACTIVE EDUCATION. THEY SAID
21 "NO, WE'RE BUSY, WE DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THAT." RIGHT? SO IT
22 TROUBLES ME THAT NOT EVERYBODY WANTS TO HOLD UP THEIR PART OF
23 THE SKY. AND THE REALITY IS: SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY I THINK
24 POLITICAL PEOPLE OR SOME PEOPLE WERE MORE POLITICAL THAN I MAY
25 THINK AND CREATED THIS MECHANISM. AND I'M TROUBLED BY THAT.



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1 I'M TROUBLED BY IT GREATLY ON MANY LEVELS. I DON'T EVEN KNOW
2 WHAT'S GOING CLEAN THE WATER. I MEAN I'VE ASKED A COUPLE OF
3 TIMES AS TO WHAT CITIES WILL DO. I THINK OTHERS HAVE. I MEAN,
4 THERE'S A GUY THAT SAYS YOU JUST CHASE AROUND DOGS AND COLLECT
5 POOP AND D.N.A. IT. AND THAT MIGHT BE A SOLUTION, I DON'T
6 KNOW. IT CERTAINLY DOESN'T SOUND REASONABLE. AND AT THE END OF
7 THE DAY, I'M SAYING WHAT ARE THE CONSEQUENCES? THERE ARE
8 FINES. AND I HAVE BEEN TOLD THERE'S GOING TO BE FINES. I ASKED
9 EARLIER WHAT THE QUESTION WAS GOING TO BE AND WHETHER THEY'RE
10 GOING TO -- WELL THEY HAVEN'T DECIDED THAT AS YET. THE CITIES
11 ARE COMING IN AND PROTESTING. THEIR ELECTED OFFICIALS ARE
12 PROTESTING. VERY TROUBLESOME. VERY TROUBLESOME. BECAUSE YOU
13 THINK THE CITIES WOULD RECOGNIZE AND UNDERSTAND AS I AM BEING
14 TOLD, BUT MAYBE NOBODY'S TOLD THEM THAT THERE ARE GOING TO BE
15 MAJOR FINES THAT THE CITIES WILL PAY. WE'RE NOT GOING TO PAY
16 THEM. THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ISN'T GOING TO PAY THEM. NOW
17 THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY WE WILL PAY. BUT THE
18 CITY OF L.A. IS NOT GOING TO PAY FOR BURBANK. NOT PAYING FOR
19 ROSEMEAD, MARGARET. THOSE CITIES WILL HAVE TO PAY THOSE FINES.
20 BUT WHAT I'M TROUBLED BY IS IF THEY DON'T KNOW THAT OR THEY
21 DON'T SEEM TO KNOW THAT. AND IF THEY DO KNOW IT AND STILL
22 OPPOSE IT, THEN I THINK WE NEED TO KNOW THAT, AS WELL. BECAUSE
23 NO ONE WANTS TO PAY ONE MORE DOLLAR FOR PROPERTY TAXES AND NO
24 ONE WANTS TO SPEND ONE MORE DOLLAR FOR GOVERNMENT IF WE DON'T
25 KNOW WHERE IT'S GOING. RIGHT NOW WE CLEARLY DON'T KNOW WHERE



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1 IT'S GOING. IT HASN'T BEEN WELL-DEFINED. I WISH IT WERE.
2 THERE'S A POOL OF MONEY THAT'S BEEN ASKED FOR AND THIS IS THE
3 BEGINNING OF -- BUT WE DON'T KNOW HOW IT'S GOING TO BE
4 UTILIZED. IT'S SORT OF LIKE APPROVING A BUDGET THAT'S ENDLESS
5 WITHOUT EVER KNOWING WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO. I AM TROUBLED BY
6 SO MANY ASPECTS OF THIS. AND I JUST REALLY BELIEVE THIS IS NOT
7 READY. I MEAN, WHEN I ASKED THE QUESTION ABOUT WHY NOT ALLOW A
8 PROPERTY OWNER WHO'S ALREADY INVESTED IN ALL HIS
9 RESPONSIBILITIES AND PAYS FOR WATER TREATMENT AND HAS A
10 REQUIREMENT UNDER HIS PROPERTY, WHY ISN'T HE -- THEY SAID,
11 "WELL, WE HAVEN'T DONE THAT YET." WELL WHAT'S TAKEN SO LONG?
12 ALL OF THESE UNANSWERED QUESTIONS AND NOW WE'RE BEING PUT IN A
13 60, EVEN 90 DAY? AND IT'S JUST THERE ARE SO MANY UNANSWERED
14 QUESTIONS. FOLKS, I'M SORRY TO TELL YOU, I AM USUALLY ONE THAT
15 PRACTICALLY WILL CLOSE MY EYES TO AN ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE
16 BECAUSE I SUPPORT IT SO MUCH, BUT THIS ONE IS JUST, I CAN'T. I
17 JUST CANNOT. IT JUST SEEMS AS THOUGH -- [APPLAUSE.] -- WE NEED
18 TO EDUCATE EVERYONE ABOUT THIS AND TELL THEM WHAT THEIR
19 RESPONSIBILITIES -- CITIES DON'T WANT TO TAKE ON THIS
20 RESPONSIBILITY, THEN THEIR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THEN THEY'RE
21 GOING TO HAVE TO BE FINED IN THOSE CITIES. CITY OF BELL HAS NO
22 WAY OF PAYING FOR THIS, OKAY? I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE GOING
23 TO DO. THEY HAVE A JOB TO DO. I CAN'T EDUCATE EVERYONE. YOU
24 CAN'T EDUCATE EVERYONE. BUT THERE HAS GOT TO BE A BETTER
25 PARTNERSHIP HERE. BECAUSE THE ONLY WAY WE'RE GOING TO GET A



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1 PROPERTY TAX, WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO LOSING. AND I JUST THINK
2 THAT SOME PEOPLE WOULD JUST LIKE TO GET IT ON THE BALLOT, DO
3 IT AND LET'S GET IT OUT OF THE WAY. AND IF IT WINS, IT WINS,
4 IF IT DOESN'T WIN, SO WHAT? AT THE END OF THE DAY, IT'S NOT
5 GOING TO BE HEALTHY FOR US. SO WE HAVE AN AWFUL LOT TO DO. I
6 THINK THERE WERE A LOT OF BALLS DROPPED ALONG THE WAY. AND WE
7 ALL HAVE TO TAKE SOME OWNERSHIP OF IT, INCLUDING MYSELF. AND I
8 JUST THINK NOW THAT WE'RE HERE ON THIS DAY, THERE ARE SO MANY
9 UNTIED ISSUES HERE, SO MANY PROPOSALS THAT ARE UNDONE AND
10 UNCLEAR. SO MANY ANSWERS THAT ARE NOT CLEAR. AND I'M ONE OF
11 THOSE WHEN PEOPLE CAN'T ANSWER QUESTIONS CLEARLY, I LOSE MY
12 FAITH AND MY TRUST. AND SO THAT'S WHERE I'M AT NOW. SO I
13 REALLY THINK -- I DON'T KNOW THE APPROPRIATE GOLF TERM, IS IT
14 A MULLIGAN, DON? I DON'T KNOW WHAT WE DO. BUT WE START OVER,
15 WE DO OVER. THIS JUST DOESN'T WORK FOR ME NOW.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
18 MOLINA. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US. BUT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
19 WISHES TO --

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CHAIRMAN, LET ME ASK COUNTY COUNSEL. THE
22 COUNTY IS SUING THE STATE RELATIVE TO THE UNFUNDED MANDATE OF
23 THIS PROJECT. AND IT'S IN THE COURTS. CAN YOU GIVE US A STATUS
24 WHERE IT IS?

25



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1 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** WE ARE IN THE APPELLATE COURT. WE
2 ARE IN THE BRIEFING STAGE. WHAT WE'RE SUING OVER IS TEST CASES
3 THAT HAVE BEEN SENT TO THE COMMISSION ON STATE MANDATES. THE
4 COMMISSION ON STATE MANDATES MADE A RULING. THE STATE SUED
5 OVER THAT. AND WE'VE GONE THROUGH TRIAL COURT. AND NOW WE'RE
6 IN THE COURT OF APPEALS.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND A RULING ON THAT IS GOING TO BE WITHIN
9 THE NEXT 60 DAYS? 90 DAYS?

10

11 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** NO. IT'S HARD TO SAY WHEN THE COURT
12 OF APPEALS IS GOING TO TAKE UP THE ISSUE BUT WE'RE AT THE END
13 OF THE BRIEFING.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU'RE AT THE END OF THE BRIEFING.

16

17 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** THEY HAVEN'T EVEN SET THE HEARING
18 YET. SO IT MAY BE MANY MONTHS OFF.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. BUT IF THE COURTS RULE IN THE FAVOR OF
21 THE COUNTY, THEN ARE WE STILL BEING REQUIRED TO PLACE AN
22 ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT ON THE BALLOT?

23

24 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** WELL, WHAT THAT DOES IS WE'VE PUT
25 FORTH TWO TEST CASES. AND SO TWO OF THESE REGULATIONS WE SAID



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1 THESE ARE UNFUNDED STATE MANDATES. SO THEY ARE JUST TWO OF
2 MANY.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT VERY IMPORTANT BECAUSE THIS IS ONE THAT
5 IMPACTS.

6

7 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** IT POTENTIALLY SETS A PRECEDENT.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT SO WOULD WE NEED THIS PARCEL TAX IF WE
10 PREVAIL IN THE COURT?

11

12 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** YES.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE WOULD STILL NEED THE TAX?

15

16 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** IN ALL LIKELIHOOD WE WOULD NOT GET
17 OUT OF ALL --

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, NO. IF THE COURT RULED IN OUR FAVOR,
20 WOULD WE STILL NEED THE PARCEL TAX?

21

22 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** THE QUESTION WOULD BE THEN GOING
23 BACK TO THE COMMISSION ON STATE MANDATES, WHICH OF THE
24 REGULATIONS THEY WOULD DETERMINE TO BE UNFUNDED MANDATES AND
25 WHICH WOULD NOT BE.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS UNFUNDED MANDATE IS BECAUSE WE'RE NOW
3 BEING ASKED TO REQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL TAX ON PROPERTY OWNERS
4 WITHIN THE COUNTY.

5

6 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** IT WOULD NOT BE APPLICABLE TO ALL --
7 THIS DECISION WOULD NOT BE APPLICABLE TO ALL OF THE
8 REGULATIONS. ARE THERE ARE SOME REGULATIONS THAT ARE FEDERAL
9 AND SOME WOULD BE DETERMINED TO NOT BE UNFUNDED.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THE REGULATION THAT IS BEING IMPOSED ON
12 THE COUNTY BY THE WATER QUALITY BOARD A STATE MANDATE?

13

14 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** MOST OF IT IS FEDERAL.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S ALL FEDERAL?

17

18 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** MOST OF IT. BUT THERE ARE STATE
19 MANDATES. AND WE HAVE PUT FORTH TEST CASES ASSERTING THAT
20 THERE ARE OTHER METHODS.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE PORTION OF THE STATE MANDATE, IF WE
23 PREVAIL, YOU HAVE A MECHANISM IN PLACE THAT WOULD REDUCE THE
24 FEDERAL SHARE OF THE MANDATE?

25



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1 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** IT POTENTIALLY REDUCES THE STATE
2 SHARE.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT. BUT IT'S THE SHARE THAT WE WOULD BE
5 PASSING ON TO THE TAXPAYERS, RIGHT?

6

7 **COUNTY COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR, WE ALL ACKNOWLEDGE THAT MOST OF
8 THE PERMIT IS FEDERALLY MANDATED AND NOT SUBJECT TO
9 REIMBURSEMENT. SO EVEN IF WE WON AS MUCH AS WE COULD, ONLY A
10 PORTION OF THE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS COULD BE REIMBURSED.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT THE STATE PORTION WE WOULD THEN BE
13 REIMBURSED FOR, WOULD WE THEREFORE HAVE THE ABILITY TO REDUCE
14 THE ASSESSMENT THAT WE WERE LEVYING ON THE COUNTY PROPERTY
15 OWNERS?

16

17 **SPEAKER:** POTENTIALLY, ALTHOUGH I DON'T BELIEVE THE AMOUNT
18 THAT'S BEING PROPOSED WOULD EVEN COVER ALL OF THE PERMITS.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT MAY NOT COVER ALL, BUT IT WOULD COVER A
21 PORTION. DO WE HAVE A MECHANISM IN PLACE THAT WOULD REDUCE
22 THAT ASSESSMENT THAT WE WOULD BE LEVYING?

23

24 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** CURRENTLY UNDER THE DRAFT ORDINANCE,
25 THERE IS A MECHANISM TO REFUND UNUSED FUNDS.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, NO. NOT UNUSED FUNDS. BUT THE FUNDS NOT
3 NEEDED BECAUSE THE STATE IS NOW GOING TO REIMBURSE US. NOT
4 TALKING ABOUT SURPLUS FUNDS. WE'RE TALKING ABOUT FUNDS NO
5 LONGER REQUIRED BECAUSE THE STATE WILL NOW PAY A PORTION.

6

7 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** THE FEE THAT IS PROPOSED IS NOT
8 SUFFICIENT TO COVER ALL OF THE COSTS CONTEMPLATED BY
9 COMPLIANCE WITH OUR PERMIT REQUIREMENTS. SO I WOULD BELIEVE IT
10 WOULD BE UNLIKELY THAT THERE WOULD BE, BASED ON A
11 DETERMINATION OF UNFUNDED STATE MANDATES.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** REALLY WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS THIS IS A FOOT
14 IN THE DOOR. WE CAN INCREASE THESE FEES AS HIGH AS WE WANT.

15

16 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** THE FEE IS SUBJECT TO VOTER OR
17 PROPERTY OWNER APPROVAL AND IT CANNOT BE INCREASED WITHOUT
18 FURTHER APPROVAL.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST OF ALL, ALL YOU HAVE TO SAY IF THE
21 STATE'S GOING TO REIMBURSE US BECAUSE WE PREVAIL IN THE
22 COURTS, THEN THAT PORTION OF THE ASSESSMENT WILL BE REDUCED
23 COMMENSURATE TO THAT LEVEL. IT'S JUST YES OR NO?

24

25 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** YOUR BOARD COULD CERTAINLY DO THAT.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO, NO, NO. YES OR NO?

3

4 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S NOT WHAT HE'S ASKING. IF THE COURT SAYS
5 WE'RE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR IT, THAT MAKES US LESS RESPONSIBLE
6 FOR A CERTAIN AMOUNT.

7

8 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** THAT'S CORRECT.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO WE DON'T HAVE TO PAY THE BIGGER --

11

12 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** THAT'S CORRECT.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** IT WOULD REDUCE IT. I'M NOT PUTTING WORDS IN YOUR
15 MOUTH. I'D JUST LIKE YOU TO ANSWER HIS QUESTION.

16

17 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** THAT WOULD REDUCE THE COSTS OF SOME
18 OF THE RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THE PERMIT BUT NOT ALL. SO IT
19 WOULD BE A DETERMINATION OF YOUR BOARD, CERTAINLY YOU COULD
20 REDUCE THE FEE IF YOU WISHED. THE VOTER APPROVAL OF IT IS AT A
21 MAXIMUM AMOUNT. THERE IS NOTHING THAT WOULD PREVENT YOUR BOARD
22 FROM REDUCING IT IF YOU DETERMINED THAT LESS FUNDING IS
23 NEEDED.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU COULD HAVE A MECHANISM IN PLACE SAYING
2 THAT WE COULD REDUCE THE FEE COMMENSURATE TO THE AMOUNT THAT
3 THE STATE IS NOW REIMBURSING THE COUNTY FOR THAT MANDATE.

4

5 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** YOU COULD INCLUDE A MECHANISM TO DO
6 THAT.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING, THAT'S ALL. OKAY.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. IF THERE'S
11 NO FURTHER DISCUSSION AT THIS POINT IN TIME, MADAM EXECUTIVE
12 OFFICER, IF YOU WOULD --

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COULD YOU DIVIDE THE QUESTION?

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** CALL THE ROLL ON THE ITEMS THAT
17 ARE BEFORE US AS --

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** THERE'S THREE MOTIONS.

20

21 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ACTUALLY WE HAVE THREE MOTIONS ON
22 THE TABLE.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT ON SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION, IF YOU
25 COULD DIVIDE THOSE SIX POINTS.



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2 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** DIVIDE THE SIX POINTS? SO YOU WANT
3 TO ACTUALLY TAKE UP FIRST --

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON ITEM NO. 2 I WOULD WANT TO OPPOSE. FOR THE
6 SIMPLE REASON THAT NOT EVERYBODY RECEIVED A BALLOT TO TURN IN,
7 AND THE BALLOT WHERE WE ASKED PEOPLE TO TURN IT IN WAS LOCATED
8 IN A DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES LOCATION WHICH DISCRIMINATED AGAINST
9 PEOPLE FROM WRIGHTWOOD, FROM THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, THE SANTA
10 CLARITA VALLEY, CATALINA.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** THAT'S EXACTLY WHY I HAVE IT ON THERE. YOU CAN
13 BIFURCATE IF YOU WANT, BUT THE REASON I PUT IT ON THERE IS
14 BECAUSE I TOTALLY AGREE WITH YOU. AND THAT HAS TO BE AN OPTION
15 WITH A BALLOT. IT DIDN'T. IT SAYS AT LEAST MAKE IT AN OPTION
16 BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT IT WAS MAILED DURING THE HOLIDAYS.
17 BECAUSE OF THE FACT IT LOOKED LIKE JUNK MAIL. BECAUSE OF THE
18 FACT PEOPLE DIDN'T GET IT OR PAY ATTENTION. AND THAT'S EXACTLY
19 WHY I HAVE NUMBER 2 ON THERE.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE WAY I READ IT IS YOU WANT TO PLACE IT ON
22 THE GENERAL ELECTION IF THERE'S NO MAJORITY PROTEST. YOU'RE
23 SAYING HAVE ANOTHER BALLOT.

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO EXCLUDE THAT. THE
2 REALITY IS YOU'RE NOT EVEN GOING TO BE CLOSE TO MAJORITY.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WE'RE THROWING OUT THE OLD VOTE BECAUSE IT
5 WASN'T --

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, WE DON'T KNOW. THE REALITY IS IT'S NOT EVEN
8 GOING TO BE CLOSE. SO I WANT THEM TO LOOK AT THE PUTTING ON A
9 GENERAL BALLOT. IT'S AN OPTION.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT MEMBERS, WHAT IS YOUR
12 PLEASURE? SHALL WE PROCEED? SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, DO YOU
13 STILL WISH TO OPT OUT ON ITEM NO. 2? WHAT IS YOUR PLEASURE?

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD SUPPORT IT ON THE GENERAL ELECTION IF
16 IT WAS GOING TO BE PASSED BY THE BOARD FOR A GENERAL ELECTION.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** WE HAVE TO MAKE THAT DECISION AT SOME POINT.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE'LL MAKE THAT IN 60 DAYS.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** WE'LL MAKE THAT IN 60 DAYS. THAT'S WHY I WANT IT
23 ON THERE AS AN OPTION.

24



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THE MATTER
2 IS BEFORE US.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** I'LL MOVE IT.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** IT HAS BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
7 KNABE. IS THERE A SECOND TO THAT ITEM THAT'S BEFORE US?

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL SECOND IT.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. MR.
12 CHAIRMAN, THAT INCLUDES THE INPUT THAT I GAVE AND THAT YOU
13 GAVE? IT'S ALL SUBSUMED IN THE KNABE MOTION?

14

15 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** YES.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THEN LET'S PROCEED TO
18 A ROLL CALL ON THAT ITEM.

19

20 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SO ON SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION,
21 THIS IS TO CONTINUE --

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S 60 DAYS, RIGHT?

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** RIGHT I CHANGED IT TO 60 DAYS AND I ADDED COUNTY
2 COUNSEL.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU. YOU MAY
5 PROCEED WITH YOUR DUTIES, MA'AM. AND THOSE WHO WISH TO
6 INTERFERE WE'RE GOING TO HANDLE THEM ACCORDINGLY. [LAUGHTER.]

7

8 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. AGAIN THIS IS
9 SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION TO CONTINUE THE PROTEST PROCESS AS
10 AMENDED FOR 60 DAYS AND WITH THE FOLLOWING REPORT BACK. THERE
11 ARE SIX ITEMS. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY ALSO ADDED TWO
12 ADDITIONAL ITEMS, ONE WAS FOR PUBLIC WORKS TO ALSO LOOK AT
13 WAYS -- AND COUNTY COUNSEL TO LOOK ON WAYS ON HOW TO CREDIT
14 ANY PROPERTY OWNERS WHO MAY HAVE ALREADY INVESTED MONEY IN
15 CLEAN WATER INITIATIVES. AND ALSO ONCE AN ORDINANCE HAS BEEN
16 COMPLETED, IT NEEDS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD BEFORE IT GOES
17 OUT TO A VOTE. SO THAT ITEM IS BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?
18 THIS IS SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION? TO CONTINUE THE PROTEST
19 PROCESS? SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

22

23 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

24

25 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.



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2 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

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6 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** [SILENCE.]

9

10 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO REPEAT WHAT'S
11 BEFORE YOU?

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NO. BUT THERE IS A VULNERABILITY
14 THAT I'M UNDERSTANDING THAT ATTACHES TO ITEM NO. 1 HERE
15 ACCORDING TO COUNTY COUNSEL IN TERMS OF THE ONLINE PROTESTS.
16 AND I DON'T WANT THAT TO PROCEED WITH THAT BEING AN ISSUE THAT
17 WE HAVEN'T CONSIDERED. YOU MIGHT CHOOSE TO COMMENT ON THAT.

18

19 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR, I DON'T KNOW IF AN
20 ONLINE PROTEST OPTION IS FEASIBLE. THERE'S -- PROP 218
21 REQUIRES THAT THERE BE WRITTEN PROTESTS SUBMITTED. SO I
22 BELIEVE THERE'S NO LEGAL PROHIBITION AGAINST EMAILING
23 PROTESTS, SO LONG AS SUFFICIENT SAFEGUARDS ARE INCORPORATED.

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH. BECAUSE YOU ALSO RULED EIGHT DAYS AGO, NOT
2 YOU, BUT INDICATED THAT IT'S POSSIBILITY TO DO IT. SO WHY
3 DON'T WE JUST CHANGE IT AND ADD A FEASIBILITY?

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** TO THE EXTENT THAT IT'S
6 FEASIBLE, RIGHT.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** A FEASIBILITY. CHANGE THE WORD TO FEASIBILITY OF
9 AN ONLINE.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LEGALLY AND PRACTICALLY FEASIBLE.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** BECAUSE IT MAY NOT BE PRACTICAL AT THIS POINT. BUT
14 I WANT YOU TO LOOK AT IT. FEASIBILITY.

15

16 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** WE CAN CERTAINLY REPORT BACK ON
17 THAT. BUT I WANTED TO JUST BE CLEAR THAT IF THE PROPOSAL, IF
18 THE MOTION IS TO CONTINUE THE PROTEST HEARING TO ANOTHER DATE,
19 WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO HAVE AN EMAIL PROTEST OPTION.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE JUST WANT YOU TO COME BACK WITH A
22 FEASIBILITY REPORT ON WHETHER IT CAN BE DONE LEGALLY AND
23 PRACTICALLY.

24

25 **THOMAS FAUGHNAN, COUNSEL:** WE CAN DO THAT.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU ARE NOT BEING DIRECTED TO DO IT BUT TO
3 GET BACK TO US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER THAT CAN BE DONE.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM IS BEFORE US AND WE ARE
6 PROCEEDING WITH THAT CLARIFICATION.

7

8 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS I NEED
9 YOUR VOTE.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WELL. AYE.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, CAN I JUST --

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** NO, NO. LET'S COMPLETE THE ROLL
16 CALL.

17

18 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THE MOTION CARRIES.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE YOU HAVE ALREADY SOUGHT THE
21 VOTE OF SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

22

23 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SHE VOTED NO.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SHE VOTED NO.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PROCEED.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN WE ASK A PROCEDURAL QUESTION? CAN WE
5 IDENTIFY THE DATE, 60 DAYS --

6

7 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** WELL, WE STILL HAVE TWO OTHER
8 MOTIONS.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL, I KNOW WE DO. BUT FOR THE PURPOSES OF
11 DON'S MOTION?

12

13 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** 60 DAYS FROM TODAY?

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WOULD BE ABOUT MARCH 19 IS THE WAY I LOOK AT
16 IT.

17

18 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY THE HEARING
19 OF PROBABLY MARCH 12. MARCH 12?

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WOULD YOU MAKE THAT THE DATE SO PEOPLE WOULD
22 KNOW?

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** PROCEED, PLEASE.

25



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1 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SO WE'LL SAY MARCH 12. ALL RIGHT.
2 THE NEXT MOTION THAT'S ON THE TABLE IS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S
3 MOTION TO OPPOSE THE CLEAN WATER TAX. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

4

5 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO.

6

7 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO.

10

11 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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13 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

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15 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AYE.

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19 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** NO.

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23 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THAT MOTION FAILS TO CARRY. THE
24 LAST ITEM BEFORE YOU IS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION TO
25 REPORT BACK ON THE USE OF A PORTION OF THE \$162 MILLION OF



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1 REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS AND LOOK AT OTHER SOURCES OF REVENUE.

2 SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** COULD WE JUST CLARIFY, PROBABLY YOU ROLLED THAT
5 INTO MINE BECAUSE ITEM 6 OF MINE IS BASICALLY THE SAME THING.
6 IS TO LOOK AT OTHER MECHANISMS, WHETHER IT BE REDEVELOPMENT?

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8 **SUP. MOLINA:** HE SAID USE THAT MONEY. THAT'S A DIFFERENT
9 MOTION.

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11 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** HE SAID THE FEASIBILITY OF USING A
12 PORTION --

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14 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT MINE BASICALLY ASKS TO DO THE SAME THING BUT
15 ALL OPTIONS.

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THE ITEM IS BEFORE US ON
18 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION. CALL THE ROLL.

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20 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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22 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO.

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24 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO.

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3 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** NO.

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7 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AYE.

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11 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ABSTAIN. ALL RIGHT.

14

15 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MOTION FAILS TO CARRY.

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. THAT ESSENTIALLY
18 OVERS ALL THE ISSUES.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COULD WE INCLUDE THIS IN THE ADJOURNMENT
21 MOTIONS?

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23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** YES. THINK WE JUST DID. THANK

24 YOU SO MUCH. THAT CONCLUDES THE BUSINESS THAT NEEDS TO BE

25 CONDUCTED WITH RESPECT TO ITEM NO. 40. MEMBERS AND LADIES AND



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1 GENTLEMEN OF THE PUBLIC, NOW THOSE OF YOU WHO WERE HERE ON
2 ITEM NO. 40, YOU ARE NOT PERMITTED TO LEAVE AT THIS POINT, WE
3 NEED YOU TO ENDURE THE BALANCE OF THIS MEETING. OF COURSE YOU
4 WANT TO HEAR ABOUT THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. WE'RE GOING TO
5 HAVE A FULL-ON THREE-HOUR PRESENTATION ON THAT. NOW LET ME
6 TEST YOUR COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY AT THIS POINT IN TIME.
7 [LAUGHTER.] THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BEING HERE. GIVE
8 YOURSELVES A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR HAVING BEEN HERE AND
9 PARTICIPATED AS WELL AS YOU HAVE. [APPLAUSE.] ALL RIGHT, SO WE
10 HAVE THREE ITEMS REMAINING, AND THEY ARE ITEMS --

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12 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** MR. CHAIRMAN, THERE ARE FOUR ITEMS
13 REMAINING. PERHAPS WE COULD START WITH ITEM NO. 9?

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 9? WE HEARD ON ITEM NO. 9
16 PERTAINING TO IT BEING CALLED BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. WE
17 HAVE SINCE RESOLVED ANY OUTSTANDING ISSUES. UNLESS THERE IS
18 ANY OBJECTIONS, THEN WE CALL A UNANIMOUS VOTE IN TERMS OF THE
19 ADOPTION OF NO. 9.

20

21 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. SO ITEM NO. -- THE
22 AFFORDABLE CARE ACT, A DISCUSSION ITEM, I BELIEVE IT WAS ITEM
23 NO. 38, SUPERVISOR MOLINA WOULD LIKE TO HEAR THAT WITH ITEM
24 NO. 3.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM NO. 3 AND 39?

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3 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** 39. EXCUSE ME. THANK YOU.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ITEM NO. 39 IS BEFORE
6 US.

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8 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** AND NO. 3.

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** IN TANDEM WITH ITEM NO. 3. THOSE
11 TO BE HEARD ON ITEM NO. 39 IF YOU WOULD COME FORWARD. 3 AND
12 39.

13

14 **SUP. MOLINA:** CAN WE CONTINUE THIS? WE'RE NOT GOING TO HEAR
15 THIS REPORT ARE WE?

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** OH, YEAH, WE'RE GOING THE HEAR
18 IT.

19

20 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY, BECAUSE I'VE GOT A LOT OF QUESTIONS.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ON SECOND THOUGHT, ON SECOND
23 THOUGHT, I HAVE JUST BEEN PERSUADED BY -- [LAUGHTER.]

24

25 **SUP. MOLINA:** HE'S GOT A POWER POINT AND EVERYTHING.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WHAT'S YOUR PLEASURE? THERE'S A
3 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE THAT
4 WE CONTINUE THIS ITEM.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** JUST FOR ONE WEEK.

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8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** FOR ONE WEEK. AND THAT WE MOVE
9 FORWARD WITH THE BALANCE OF THE AGENDA TO CLOSED SESSION AS
10 THERE ARE SOME PRESSING ITEMS.

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12 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** ITEM 3 AND 38 WILL BE CONTINUED
13 ONE WEEK, BUT THERE IS --

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** 39.

16

17 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** EXCUSE ME. 39. AND THERE IS ONE
18 ADDITIONAL ITEM, ITEM NO. 38 AND THIS WAS A REPORT BY THE
19 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ON THE LANGUAGE TO BE INCLUDED IN THE
20 NEXT LEGISLATIVE --

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SERGEANT, WILL YOU CAUSE THE
23 ROOM TO COME TO ORDER? AND ANYONE WHO IS NOT COOPERATING, YOU
24 KNOW WHAT TO DO. (GAVEL). THANK YOU.

25



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1 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** AGAIN, ITEM NO. 38 IS STILL BEFORE
2 THIS BOARD AS A DISCUSSION ITEM. THE C.E.O. HAS A REPORT
3 REGARDING IT?

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** 38 IS WHAT NOW?

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE'LL CONTINUE THIS ITEM.

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9 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE CAN. BUT WE HAD SUBMITTED INFORMATION ON
10 THE LEGISLATIVE STRATEGY WE HAVE FOR THAT, BUT WE CAN CONTINUE
11 IT.

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13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. THEN WITHOUT
14 OBJECTION --

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16 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** EXCUSE ME?

17

18 **SUP. KNABE:** IT'S NOT? OKAY.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** UNLESS THERE'S AN URGENCY THAT
21 ATTACHES TO THIS, I THINK WE SHOULD CONTINUE THE ITEM TO NEXT
22 WEEK, SO THAT WOULD BE 3, 38 AND 39 CONTINUED TO NEXT WEEK.
23 THAT'S BEFORE US UNLESS THERE'S OBJECTIONS, THAT WILL BE THE
24 ORDER.

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** THANK YOU. THERE ARE INDIVIDUALS
2 WHO SIGNED UP. I'M NOT SURE IF THEY'RE STILL HERE FOR PUBLIC
3 COMMENT.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. ANYONE WHO WISHES TO
6 BE HEARD BY PUBLIC COMMENT.

7

8 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** YOU ALSO MAY WANT TO GO THROUGH
9 YOUR ADJOURNMENTS.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** ANYONE WISHING TO BE HEARD BY
12 WAY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS? ALL RIGHT. ADJOURNING MOTIONS?
13 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY? SUPERVISOR KNABE? SUPERVISOR
14 YAROSLAVSKY FIRST, THEN SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE
17 MEMORY OF DR. ALLEN S. BURSK, A LONGTIME RESIDENT OF OUR
18 COUNTY WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 81. BORN IN CHICAGO,
19 ATTENDED U.C.L.A. I WON'T GO THROUGH THE WHOLE BIOGRAPHY HERE.
20 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 37 YEARS, SUSAN BURSK, WHO IS
21 PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF THE CENTURY CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.
22 AND HE'S ALSO SURVIVED BY TWO SONS. ALLAN JONAS, SOME OF YOU
23 MAY KNOW ALLAN. LONGTIME RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT. PASSED AWAY
24 JUST A FEW DAYS AGO. HE WAS THE OWNER OWNER/OPERATOR OF JONAS
25 & ASSOCIATES, A PIONEER INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPER IN THE LOS



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1 ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AREA AND GENERAL PARTNER FOR
2 MORE THAN 50 CURRENT INVESTMENT PROPERTIES. HE TOOK A LEAVE
3 FROM HIS BUSINESS TO SERVE GOVERNOR PAT BROWN AS DIRECTOR OF
4 CALIFORNIA DISASTER OFFICE, IN WHICH CAPACITY HE WAS
5 RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL EMERGENCY PLANNING AND SERVICES FOR
6 NATURAL OR WAR-CAUSED CATASTROPHES IN THE STATE. FOR MANY
7 DECADES HE SHARED HIS EXPERTISE AND DEVOTED HIS TIME IN CIVIC
8 AFFAIRS, PARTICULARLY ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH. HE WAS
9 A LONGTIME BOARD MEMBER OF CHILDREN NOW AND WAS INSTRUMENTAL
10 IN ESTABLISHING L.A.'S BEST IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. HE WAS
11 ALSO A STRONG SUPPORTER OF PUBLIC TELEVISION STATION K.C.E.T.,
12 THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION AND AMERICAN CIVIL
13 LIBERTIES UNION FOUNDATION, U.C.L.A. JOHNSON CANCER CENTER AND
14 L.A. MUSIC CENTER OPERA. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, DOROTHY
15 JONAS, AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS. A VERY PHILANTHROPIC
16 COMMUNITY LEADER. JEFF MCINTYRE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 56,
17 COMPLICATIONS FROM DIABETES. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE,
18 PATRICIA HOLLERAN; THREE CHILDREN, HENRY, JACK, AND ELLIE; HIS
19 BROTHER, DOUG, A RADIO PERSONALITY ON K.A.B.C. RADIO AND
20 "DAILY NEWS" COLUMNIST; AND OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS. FINALLY,
21 JIMMY O'NEIL, A RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT AND POPULAR TOP 40
22 RADIO DISC JOCKEY AND T.V. PERSONALITY IN THE 1960S PASSED
23 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 73. HE IS SURVIVED BY A SON, JAMES; AND
24 DAUGHTER, CATHERINE O'NEIL; TWO STEPCHILDREN, MEGAN RHODE AND



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1 ROBIN FINKLESTEIN; THREE GRANDCHILDREN AND TWO GREAT
2 GRANDCHILDREN. THAT'S IT.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** YES, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, SEVERAL
7 ADJOURNMENTS, AS WELL. FIRST OF ALL THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
8 OF CHARLES HATHAWAY OF MARINA DEL REY WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY
9 AT THE AGE OF 86. I WOULD ASK ALL MEMBERS TO JOIN ME. HE WAS A
10 VERY PROMINENT FIGURE IN THE LOS ANGELES BUSINESS COMMUNITY.
11 FOURTH-GENERATION RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES. MANY OF US KNOW OF
12 THE LOS ANGELES ATHLETIC CLUB AND THE CALIFORNIA YACHT CLUB AS
13 WELL AS THE OWNERSHIP PREVIOUSLY OF RIVIERA. HE SERVED IN
14 WORLD WAR II AS AN AIRPLANE MECHANIC AND MACHINE GUNNER, NAVY
15 AIR CORPS GRADUATED FROM PRINCIPIA COLLEGE WHERE HE MET AND
16 MARRIED HIS WIFE OF 63 YEARS, PAT. HE ACHIEVED A MASTER'S
17 DEGREE AT MICHIGAN STATE. 40 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO
18 THE LOS ANGELES ATHLETIC CLUB AND ITS ALLIED CLUBS. HIS
19 PROUDEST ACHIEVEMENT WAS LEADING THE REFOUNDING OF THE
20 CALIFORNIA YACHT CLUB IN 1961 AFTER THE YACHT CLUB WAS
21 SHUTTERED BY THE U.S. COAST GUARD DURING WORLD WAR II.
22 CHARLES, ALONG WITH A SMALL HANDFUL OF OTHER BUSINESSES TOOK A
23 RISK BY SUBLEASING SOME SPACE ON THE DUSTY FLATS OF MARINA DEL
24 REY. HE WAS KNOWN FOR HIS EPIC ADVENTURES, WAS A COURAGEOUS
25 SEAMAN, FITNESS BUFF, AND HIS 50TH BIRTHDAY HE PIONEERED



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1 ROWING IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BY COMPLETING THE FIRST KNOWN
2 CROSSING FROM CATALINA ISLAND TO MARINA DEL REY. HE WAS VERY
3 ACTIVE IN A NUMBER OF BOARDS AND ORGANIZATIONS, CHAIRMAN AND
4 DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD OF CENTRAL CITIES ASSOCIATION, WAS A
5 SPECIAL ADVISER TO THE PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL FITNESS
6 UNDER RONALD REAGAN. HE IS SURVIVED BY SIBLINGS, FRANK,
7 BARBARA, SYLVIA, A LARGE AND LOVING FAMILY INCLUDING HIS WIFE,
8 PATRICIA; THEIR FIVE CHILDREN, STEVE, REBECCA, TOM, SALLY,
9 ROBIN AND THEIR SPOUSES, AS WELL. AND 13 GRANDCHILDREN.
10 THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THE HATHAWAY FAMILY. I JUST GOT
11 WORD TODAY THAT A LONGTIME MEMBER OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION
12 COMMISSION, AND WORKED FOR PARKS IN THE '50S AND '60S, A
13 LONGTIME RESIDENT OF THE DISTRICT, GLORIA HEER, WHO HAS A PARK
14 NAMED AFTER HER. SHE BECAME A COMMISSIONER UNDER PETE
15 SCHABARUM AND RECOGNIZED FOR HER MANY YEARS OF DEDICATION BY
16 NAMING THAT PARK AFTER HER IN 1984. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER
17 HUSBAND, WARREN; DAUGHTER, LINDA; SON, GEORGE; AND FOUR
18 GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HENRY TEBRICH, WHO
19 PASSED AWAY ON JUNE -- WAS BORN ON JUNE 27, 1920, AND JUST
20 PASSED AWAY RECENTLY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER,
21 JEANNETTE; HER HUSBAND, JEFF; AND A SON, MICHAEL; AND WIFE,
22 DEBBIE. PROUD GRANDFATHER. INCREDIBLE LIFE STORY FROM THE
23 BOWELS OF GERMANY AND THE NAZI CAMPS. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN
24 MEMORY OF PETE SEERDSMA WHO PASSED AWAY IN ARTESIA. HE IS
25 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 54 YEARS, JOAN; THEIR FIVE CHILDREN,



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1 MARIA, THERESA, CONNIE, DIANA AND PETE III. ALSO THAT WE
2 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LINDA CHURCH, A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF
3 REDONDO BEACH. VERY ACTIVE AS A HEAD START TEACHER, VERY
4 ACTIVE IN GIRL SCOUTS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND OF 37
5 YEARS, BYRON; THEIR 12 CHILDREN, 28 GRANDCHILDREN AND 19 GREAT
6 GRANDCHILDREN. THEN FINALLY THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF
7 ELEANOR HELEN ALTHOFF WIATER, A LONGTIME TIME RESIDENT OF LONG
8 BEACH AND THEN TO ROLLING HILLS. SHE WAS A TIRELESS VOLUNTEER
9 IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH IN SAN
10 PEDRO, THE ST. MARY MEDICAL GUILD, THE RIGHT TO LIFE LEAGUE OF
11 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. VERY ACTIVE IN THE JACK KRAMER TENNIS
12 CLUB. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER, LONGTIME FRIEND AND
13 FORMER MAYOR THE CITY OF NORWALK, JUDITH BRENNAN; TWO SONS AND
14 FIVE GRANDCHILDREN AND 10 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. SHE WILL BE
15 REMEMBERED AS A KIND AND CARING MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY. THOSE
16 ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WE THANK YOU FOR THOSE
19 ADJOURNING MOTIONS. WE NOW TURN TO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. CHAIR AND MEMBERS I'D LIKE TO MOVE THAT
22 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DOCTOR JAMES BUCHANAN, HE WAS THE 1986
23 NOBEL PRIZE RECIPIENT ON ECONOMICS. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE
24 OF 93. HE HAD BEEN PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS AT GEORGE MASON
25 UNIVERSITY. ALSO FORMERLY TAUGHT AT FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY,



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1 UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE,
2 UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE. HE WAS A WORLD WAR II NAVY VETERAN.
3 SARAH ALARID. SHE WAS TRAGICALLY KILLED AT THE AGE OF --
4 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 19 ON NEW YEAR'S DAY. SHE WAS A
5 RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARITA VALLEY AND ATTENDED ONE OF THE LOCAL
6 SCHOOLS. AND SHE LEAVES BEHIND HER PARENTS AND FAMILY. EDWARD
7 KALUNIAN, FATHER OF OUR RETIRED CHIEF DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDER,
8 BOB KALUNIAN, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91. HE WAS A DECORATED
9 WORLD WAR II HERO. HE SERVED WITH THE 104TH TIMBERWOLVES
10 INFANTRY AND HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS TWO SONS, ROBERT AND
11 JEFFREY; AND HIS BROTHER, ALFRED.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL MEMBERS.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALL MEMBERS. CHARLES FREDERICK HATHAWAY.
16 FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE L.A. ATHLETIC CLUB PASSED AWAY AT THE
17 AGE OF 86. HE PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN THE RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
18 CALIFORNIA YACHT CLUB AND WAS PRESIDENT OF THE CLUB MANAGERS
19 ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA AND HE WAS A SPECIAL
20 ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL FITNESS UNDER
21 PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN. SERVED AS A BOARD MEMBER FOR THE
22 CATALINA ISLAND CONSERVANCY, THE CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL MEDICAL
23 CENTER, THE SKID ROW GARDEN CLUB. AND HE WAS A WORLD WAR II
24 NAVY VETERAN. JOSEPH FRACASSE, JR., HE WAS THE PUBLISHER OF
25 THE "GLENDORAN" MAGAZINE WHICH WAS RECOGNIZED BY THE GLENDORA



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1 CITY COUNCIL IN OCTOBER MARKING ITS 30TH ANNIVERSARY. A MEMBER
2 OF THE FINKBINER PARK, CHAIRMAN OF THE HOLIDAY BASKET PROGRAM,
3 INVOLVED WITH THE CRIME STOPPERS TO GLENDORA AND MEMBER OF THE
4 KIWANIS CLUB. PASTOR EMORY LEE BOTHAST. HE SERVED AS ASSOCIATE
5 PASTOR AT WESTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH AS WELL AS CHURCHES
6 THROUGHOUT NEW HAMPSHIRE AND MASSACHUSETTS AND IN PASADENA. HE
7 WAS A CERTIFIED LIFE UNDERWRITER. SIDNEY ALBERT. HE WAS
8 RETIRED PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY
9 OF LOS ANGELES. PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 98. ROSE MEKETARIAN
10 SIMONIAN, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 100 ON JANUARY 4. SHE IS
11 SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, VIRGINIA AND BILL; AND SIBLINGS,
12 MARGARET AND MICHAEL; AND GRANDMOTHER OF MARK BISIGIAN OF
13 LANCASTER. WILLIAM MOUZIS PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90. HE
14 BEGAN HIS BROADCASTING CAREER IN '47 WITH K.P.A.S. AND LATER
15 AT K.H.J., CURRENTLY K.C.A.L. FOR 26 YEARS AS A PRODUCTION
16 DIRECTOR AND ENGINEER SUPERVISOR. HE ALSO HAD WORKED FOR 710
17 K.M.P.C. AND A.B.C. HENRIETTA THOMAS, RETIRED MEDICAL CLERK
18 FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. MAURICE
19 PERKINS, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 92. SHE WAS A RETIRED
20 LIEUTENANT. HE WAS-- WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S
21 DEPARTMENT. JACQUELINE HOLROYD PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 84.
22 RETIRED WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.
23 MICHAEL DOOLITTLE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 71. HE WAS ALSO
24 WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, LONGTIME
25 RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. ARLIE ELIZABETH PATTERSON



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1 HAHN, SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER CHILDREN, WINNIFRED, ARLABETH,
2 MARGARET, AND CHARLES. WILLIAM "BILL" ST. CLAIR PASSED AWAY AT
3 THE AGE OF 58. HE WAS A RESIDENT IN ANTELOPE VALLEY AND THE
4 SON OF THE FORMER MAYOR OF PALMDALE CITY COUNCIL, ROBERT ST.
5 CLAIR. MARK STANLEY OBERG, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF LANCASTER. AND
6 WILLIAM HENRY TILLEY, CHAIRMAN AND C.E.O. OF THE JACMAR
7 COMPANIES AND VICE CHAIRMAN OF SHAKEY'S U.S.A. HE WAS A C.P.A.
8 AND FOUNDER OF TILLEY AND ROTH. AND FRANK WAYLAND. HE WAS A
9 RESIDENT OF LANCASTER IN ACTON, AN EDUCATOR AND PRINCIPAL. AND
10 HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 82. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR
13 ANTONOVICH. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, YOUR ADJOURNING MOTIONS,
14 PLEASE?

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16 **SUP. MOLINA:** I WISH TO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF FORMER LOS
17 ANGELES COUNTY EMPLOYEE MAY SHUNG WONG KINGI, THE TREASURED
18 BEST FRIEND OF MY FRIEND, IDA RAMOS. MAY RETIRED IN 2007 AFTER
19 A DISTINGUISHED 40-YEAR CAREER WITH THE COUNTY WHICH INCLUDED
20 SERVICE WITH THE BUREAU OF RESOURCE COLLECTIONS, THE
21 DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL, THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, THE
22 OFFICE OF AFFIRMATIVE ACTION COMPLIANCE, THE DEPARTMENT OF
23 COMMUNITY AND SENIOR AFFAIRS AND FINALLY THE DEPARTMENT OF
24 PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. AFTER RETIREMENT, MAY CONTINUED HER
25 SERVICE AS A CONSULTANT, UTILIZING HER EXPERTISE TO CONDUCT



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1 VITAL TRAINING SESSIONS. MAY KINGI WAS TRULY BELOVED AND I'M
2 PROUD TO HONOR HER MEMORY TODAY. I'D ALSO LIKE TO ASK THAT WE
3 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF LINDA GARDENER. SHE WAS THE PRESIDENT
4 OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN QUILTERS OF LOS ANGELES. THE
5 A.A.Q.L.A. WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1986 TO HONOR THE HISTORICAL
6 SIGNIFICANCE OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN QUILTS AND TO CELEBRATE THE
7 GRAND TRADITION OF QUILTING. LINDA AND I WERE ACQUAINTED
8 THROUGH OUR MUTUAL LOVE OF QUILTING AND HER PRESENCE AND
9 PASSION FOR THE QUILTING COMMUNITY WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED. I'M
10 ATTENDING A QUILT SHOW NEXT WEEK, AND THAT'S WHERE WE ALWAYS
11 USED TO GET TOGETHER AND SHARE STORIES. WE EXTEND OUR
12 HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES TO LINDA'S FAMILY AND HER LEGIONS OF
13 COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS. I WISH TO ALSO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY
14 OF JOVITA SOTO HIGUERA, THE BELOVED GREAT GRANDMOTHER OF MY
15 CONSTITUENT, ELOISE GONZALES. MS. HIGUERA WAS A RETIRED
16 TEACHER AND WAS A LONG-STANDING AND ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE LA
17 PUENTE COMMUNITY. HER GOOD WORKS TOUCHED MANY LIVES AND WE
18 WANT TO EXTEND OUR CONDOLENCES TO HER ENTIRE FAMILY. I ALSO
19 WISH TO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF ALFONSO SILVAS, THE BELOVED
20 FATHER OF A GOOD FRIEND OF MINE, MERCI APODACA. HE LIVED HERE
21 IN CALIFORNIA FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, HAD HIS FAMILY HERE AND
22 THEN MOVED ON TO PHOENIX, ARIZONA. WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR
23 PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES TO MERCY AND HER FAMILY. I ALSO WISH
24 TO ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF LIFELONG CITY TERRACE RESIDENT
25 RICHARD COBARRUBIAS, THE BELOVED UNCLE OF MY LONGTIME STAFF



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1 MEMBER VERONICA COBLA. WE ARE KEEPING VERONICA AND FAMILY IN
2 OUR PRAYERS DURING THIS VERY DIFFICULT TIME FOR HER AND HER
3 FAMILY. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA.
6 MAY I ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SERGEANT WILLIAM G. PEREZ. SERGEANT
7 PEREZ WAS BORN ON JANUARY 23, 1931 AND PASSED AWAY ON DECEMBER
8 23, 2012 AT THE AGE OF 81. HE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES AIR
9 FORCE FROM 1948 TO 1952 AND RETIRED AS SERGEANT WITH THE LOS
10 ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT AFTER 25 YEARS OF SERVICE. SERGEANT
11 PEREZ WAS ALSO AN ACTIVE BOARD MEMBER OF THE OPTIMIST
12 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AND MANY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.
13 SERGEANT PEREZ IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, ELVIRA; SONS, MICHAEL,
14 ALSO A RETIRED L.A.P.D. COMMANDER; AND JOHN; DAUGHTER,
15 CHRISTINE; AND MANY GRANDCHILDREN, GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, NIECES
16 AND NEPHEWS. HE WILL BE MISSED DEARLY BY ALL. THAT CONCLUDES
17 THE ADJOURNING MOTION THAT I HAVE FOR TODAY. ALL RIGHT. NO
18 OTHER ITEMS TO COME BEFORE US OTHER THAN THOSE WISHING TO BE
19 HEARD BY PUBLIC COMMENT. BOBBY COOPER, RAJ KAHN, ANTONIA
20 RAMIREZ, GEORGE EDWARDZ, TERRY REED, ARNOLD SACHS, ERIC
21 PREVEN, KAREN FEINBERG, TERRY JACKSON, SHEILAH WARD, HECTOR
22 DILAUDO, DENISE PAZ, TERRY SIGMUND, JOHN WALSH, AND THOSE ARE
23 THE PERSONS WISHING TO BE HEARD. PLEASE PROCEED ACCORDINGLY.
24 WE ARE WELL EXTENDED IN TERMS OF OUR TIME AT THIS POINT. AT
25 THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR, WE'RE GOING ASK THAT THE PUBLIC



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1 COMMENT SPEAKERS HAVE ONE MOMENT TO SPEAK. THANK YOU. ONE
2 MINUTE. THANK YOU. ONE MINUTE, PLEASE.

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4 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** ONE MINUTE? I THOUGHT IT WAS THREE MINUTES.

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** IT'S AT THE DISCRETION OF THE
7 CHAIR AND THAT'S WHY IT'S ONE MINUTE. ORDINARILY IT WOULD BE
8 THREE. ALL RIGHT.

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10 **ANTONIA RAMIREZ:** ENFORCE THE AMERICAN RULE OF LAW. DEPORT,
11 DEPORT, DEPORT. NO ASYLUM. NO AMNESTY. NO WHOLE MODIFICATION
12 PROTECTION TO FORECLOSURE AND NO FORECLOSURE PROTECTION TO ANY
13 AND ALL CRIMINAL ILLEGAL ALIENS AND FELONS AND CRIMINAL GANG
14 BANGERS. HAVING SAID THAT, I WOULD LOVE TO THANK ANNA, SHERIFF
15 SERGEANT ANNA DENISE H. BRIDGE WHO WAS ACCOMMODATING, POLITE,
16 JOVIAL AND VERY INFORMATIVE. WHAT A CHANGE FOR CRYING OUT
17 LOUD. THANK YOU TO THIS LOVELY SERGEANT, FEMALE SERGEANT, THAT
18 IS. AND ALSO TO THE LOVELY, WONDERFUL MILITARY VETERANS AND
19 SPOUSES THAT I MET HERE AND SEVERAL OTHER PEOPLE WHO WERE ALSO
20 OF MUTUAL MINDS OR MEETING OF THE MINDS. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK
21 THESE TWO WONDERFUL COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISORS, DON KNABE AND
22 COUNTY BOARD MICHAEL ANTONOVICH. THEY ARE MILITARY VETERANS.
23 AND AGAIN DON KNABE, PLEASE DON'T BE ASHAMED THAT YOUR SON IS
24 A LOBBYIST. BE PROUD. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
2 TESTIMONY, MA'AM. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. BOBBY?

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4 **BOBBY COOPER:** YES, I'M HERE TODAY BECAUSE I HAVE HEART FAILURE
5 WALKING THE STREETS. I'VE BEEN OUT FOR SIX MONTHS. I HAVEN'T
6 BEEN ABLE TO SLEEP ANYWHERE. I HAVE TO WORK ON PAPERWORK TO
7 TRY TO GET IN TO COURT WHEN THE SYSTEM IS ALL MANIPULATED
8 DOWNTOWN. THEY'RE ALWAYS REMOVING DOCUMENTS, MANIPULATING
9 PAPERWORK. I NEED HOUSING. I'VE BEEN UP HERE A NUMBER OF
10 TIMES. I LIVED IN AN RAMPART AREA WHERE THEY HAVE STOLEN,
11 WHAT? 2,900,000 WORTH OF INSURANCE POLICIES FROM ME. NOW
12 THEY'RE LAUNDERING THROUGH MY BANK ACCOUNTS AND WON'T LET ME
13 IN. THEY'RE BLOCKING PRIVATE SAVINGS AND BUSINESS ACCOUNTS.
14 I'VE BEEN EVICTED FROM MY BUSINESS. AND THE CITY OF LOS
15 ANGELES IS SAYING THAT THEY'RE SECONDARY OWNERS OF MY BUSINESS
16 WITH EMPOWERMENT. PLEASE MAKE SURE I GET HOUSING TONIGHT. AT
17 LEAST ONCE, ONE NIGHT SLEEP IN A BED. THANK YOU. AND YOU HAVE
18 A BLESSED DAY.

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SAME TO YOU, SIR.

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22 **TERRY JACKSON:** MY NAME IS TERRY JACKSON. I'M HERE REPRESENTING
23 THE UNITED STATES SENATE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE AS EXECUTIVE
24 SENATOR. AS OF NOW WE ARE CONTINUING TO HAVE THE SEVENTH MONTH
25 OF CONTINUATION OF PROBLEMS WITH G.R. FIRST MONTH I WAS ON



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1 DISABLED AND NEXT TWO MONTHS I WAS ON MENTAL DISABLED ABILITY.
2 WE'LL COLLECT A.G.S. AT THE BEGINNING OF DECEMBER AS A
3 GOVERNMENT ATTEMPT TO BAIL IT OUT. AS OF NOW YOU HAVE ME
4 ATTENDING GROWTH PROGRAMS. I WENT BEING MENTAL TO DISABLED NOW
5 FULLY CAPABLE OF WORKING AND NOT SEEING ANY KIND OF DOCTOR OR
6 PSYCHIATRIST OVER THE LAST 85 DAYS, 185 DAYS. SO THEREFORE AS
7 A SENATOR, WE ARE GOING TO HOLD THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, IF YOU
8 HAVE RECEIVED ANY FEDERAL MONIES FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT,
9 IT WOULD BE FROZEN AS OF DAY YOUR BILL IS \$1 MILLION SINCE
10 DECEMBER 31ST, AND TOMORROW IT GO TO \$2 MILLION PER DAY
11 WITHOUT RECEIVING THE CASH BENEFITS THAT WERE OFFERED TO ME IN
12 JUNE.

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** SIR, THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS
15 EXPIRED. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. MA'AM, AND THEN
16 FINALLY YOU, SIR.

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18 **TERRY SIGMUND:** I'M TERRY SIGMUND. I ANTICIPATED THREE MINUTES
19 SO WHAT I WROTE WON'T WORK. BUT I DID WANT TO SAY YOU SHOULD
20 HAVE A WHITE CHAIR BECAUSE WITH THE DARK BEHIND YOU AND THE
21 DARK UNDER CHAIR, IT'S HARD TO SEE YOU UP THERE. YOU SHOULD
22 ALL HAVE WHITE CHAIRS. THE THING IS I'M JUST LOOKING AT THIS
23 ARTICLE FROM THE L.A. TIMES THAT WAS HANDED TO ME THAT THE
24 ANDREA ALARCON THAT WAS REPORTEDLY LEAVING HER 11 YEAR OLD
25 DAUGHTER UNATTENDED AT CITY HALL AND ALSO ENDANGERED HER CHILD



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1 PREVIOUSLY WITH A DRINK AND DRIVING D.U.I.? AND APPARENTLY
2 SHE'S THE DAUGHTER OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCILMAN RICHARD
3 ELKERSON AND SHE HAS NO PROBLEM HAVING HER CHILDREN, BUT ME? I
4 WAS GIVEN 100 FALSE ALLEGATIONS, PROVED THEM IN COURT AND THE
5 ONE THAT HAD ABOUT SUPERVISION TO DO WAS BASED ON MY
6 NEIGHBOR'S SUSPICION, NOT THAT THEY KNEW. BUT SPECULATION THAT
7 I LEAVE MY CHILDREN. AND THERE SEEMS TO BE A DIFFERENT
8 STANDARD.

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10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
11 TESTIMONY, MA'AM. FINAL SPEAKER. SIR?

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13 **HECTOR DILAUDO:** EVENING, MY NAME IS HECTOR DILAUDO. AND THE
14 REASON WHY I CAME HERE IS TO TRY TO FIND A WAY TO STOP THE
15 SALE ON MY PROPERTY. I HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH CONSUMER
16 AFFAIRS BUT I HAVEN'T FOUND ANYBODY TO COMMENT ON IT AND IT
17 SEEMS THAT THERE IS NO AVAILABILITY TO GET HELP. I JUST WANT
18 TO MAKE SURE THAT IF THERE IS NOTHING ELSE THAT I CAN DO, I
19 WOULD BE AT THE MERCY OF THE -- SALESPeOPLE. AND I HAVE BEEN
20 TRYING TO KEEP MY PROPERTY FOR QUITE A WHILE. AND THE SECOND -
21 - TRIED TO FILE FORECLOSURE AND THEY TOOK OVER THE FIRST NOW
22 THE FIRST FILED FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS AND TRIED THE SALE.
23 SO, YOU KNOW, IT'S GAME OF THE BANK CONSTANTLY.

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25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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2 **HECTOR DILAUDO:** I WANT TO HAVE A SOLUTION. I WANT TO SEE WHO
3 CAN HELP ME MOVE THE SALE DATE BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT
4 ACCORDING TO SOME OF THE SUGGESTIONS THAT I HAVE ON THE
5 CONSUMERS AFFAIRS I PUT MY HOME FOR SALE.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** WHICH DISTRICT DO YOU RESIDE IN,
8 SIR? WHICH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT?

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10 **HECTOR DILAUDO:** JANUARY 22ND AND THEY FILE --

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS, CHAIRMAN:** I'LL HAVE SOMEONE COME SEE YOU
13 IN A MOMENT HAVE I'LL HAVE SOMEONE COME SEE YOU IN JUST A
14 MOMENT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THAT CLOSES THE PUBLIC COMMENT
15 SECTION OF OUR MEETING TODAY. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

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17 **SACHI HAMAI, EXEC. OFFICER:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT
18 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF
19 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO.
20 CS-1, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT CONSIDERATION OF FIRMS TO RECRUIT FOR
21 THE POSITION OF INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR OVERSIGHT AND MONITORING
22 OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND ITEM NO. CS-2, CONFERENCE
23 WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR, WILLIAM T FUJIOKA AND DESIGNATED STAFF
24 AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE
25 NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS SCHEDULED



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1 FOR TUESDAY JANUARY 22, 2013, AT 1 P.M. THANK YOU. REPORT OF
2 ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION TUESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2013.

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